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PHONE. BREKID. [REDACTED]

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AGENT R D BROWN AT CHICAGO, WITH AGENTS MC KEE, SULLIVAN AND MADALA, IS ARRANGING SETUP AND CHECK AS TO KATE MEADE, WIFE SUBJECT MEADE. ALSO AS TO FATHER AND MOTHER OF KARPIS. ALSO AS TO WILLIE HEENEY, WHICH WILL REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE WORK ASSISTED BY ADDITIONAL AGENTS FROM CHICAGO AND WILL ALSO COVER MINOR LEADS CHICAGO AS TO THIS SITUATION

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Post Office Box 812,  
Chicago, Illinois.

October 23, 1935

Honorable Joseph P. Daly,  
Acting Postmaster,  
Waukegan, Illinois

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir,

At your request, Special Agent P. P. Sullivan of this Office, I desire to have a thirty day box of first class mail delivered to 124 South Main Avenue, Waukegan, Illinois.

It is suggested that trackings retained from mail delivered to the above address be forwarded as soon as possible to the Chicago Office so that we may have that information as promptly as possible.

It is likewise suggested that in forwarding the above mentioned trackings you refer to File No. 7-526-7793.

I also desire to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>CHARLOTTE, N.C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/25/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/18/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>L.V. CHESSER: ADC</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:   <p><b>P. O. Mead, 532 Huger St., (not Hagur St.), Charleston, S.C., reported to be native of Georgia and reputable business man. No other leads located in Charleston, S.C.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>R.U.C.</b></p> </div> <div style="width: 35%; text-align: center;">  </div> </div>			
REFERENCE: <b>Report of Special Agent Robert G. Hendon, Atlanta, Georgia, dated October 9, 1935.</b>			
DETAILS: <b>AT CHARLESTON, S.C.</b>  <p><b>Agent interviewed United States Marshal W. F. Burguson, who advised that he lives on the same street, and is personally acquainted with P. Orin Mead, whose address is 532 Huger Street, which, it will be noted, very closely resembles the address 532 Hagur Street, mentioned in reference report.</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Burguson stated further that Mr. Mead, who is a prominent business man associated with the lumber industry, came to Charleston from Macon, Georgia, a few years ago; that Mead</b></p>			
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is quite a sportsman and was formerly connected in a business and personal way with "Pa" Stribling, father of the former prize-fighter "Young" Stribling; that Mead owns considerable property in the vicinity of Charleston; that he, Burguson, has hunted with Mead considerably; and that, in his opinion, the elder Mead would certainly not associate with criminals or gangsters. Mr. Burguson advised further that Mead has a young adult son, P. Orine Mead, Jr., who is also reputable insofar as Mr. Burguson could ascertain.

The 1934 City Directory for Charleston lists only four Meads, all of the same address: P. Orine Mead, Sr., and wife, Drue Mead, P. Orine Mead, Jr., and Miss Hazel Mead, evidently Mead's daughter.

It will be noted that there is a slight discrepancy between the initials and the name of the street given above, and that given in reference report.

Further inquiry at Police Headquarters and otherwise failed to locate any other Meads in the vicinity of Charleston or a Hagur Street.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

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REPORT MADE AT <b>KANSAS CITY, MO.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-23-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-21-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>A. E. FARLAND</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Volney Davis interviewed at U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas made verbal statement. Would make no direct statement implicating Matt Gleason. Unable to identify photograph of Mike Moreno as that of Tony Moreno.

**REFERENCE:**

Letter from Special Agent in Charge, E.J. Connelley, Chicago, Ill., dated September 12, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

On October 21st, 1935, this Agent, accompanied by R. K. Dace, Bureau Typist, interviewed Volney Davis, an inmate of the U. S. Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, and a verbal statement made by him is quoted below:

"After making my escape from two Federal officers at Yorkville, Ill., about 7:00 PM the night of February 6, 1935, I stole a Ford car in Yorkville and drove to Ted Smith's in Aurora, Ill. I got some money from Ted, I don't know how much, a handful of silver, five or six dollars. He said he would give me some more but did not have it to spare. I tried to get a pistol from him but he said he didn't have a pistol. He said he had a knife I could have, and I took the knife. I got something to eat and bandaged my hand there. I went from there to Matt Kersch's in Aurora. He wasn't there and I went to Matt Gleason's at 8 North Broadway. He wasn't there and so I went on over to his house. I knocked on the door and went in and told him I had been in a wreck and didn't have any money or any transportation and would like to get hold of some money. He said I haven't any, I am broke. I said I have a ring here, if I could sell it for fifteen or twenty dollars it will be enough. He said he

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*A. E. Farland*  
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would take the ring and see if he could sell it. There was another fellow there named Benny and he gave me \$5.00. I didn't know him but he was a friend of Matt's and Matt told him to let me have it. I think this was done to beat me out of the ring. I told Matt I couldn't stay there and was going on back to Chicago, and went and got in the car and drove over to Wheaton, Illinois, where I ran the car up on a side street and left it there, hitch-hiking on in to Chicago, about 17 or 18 miles. I got a ride on a truck. I stayed on West Madison Street that night, somewhere around ten or eleven hundred block, just an ordinary rooming house. I paid 50 or 75¢ for the room. I got up next morning and went back to Aurora on the C&NI electric car, getting into Aurora about eleven or twelve o'clock on February 7, 1935.

When I got back there the next day Matt was at his home and I went in the front door as he had told me when I left. When I went in I sat down in the front room and pulled the blinds down. We talked about the ring. He said he couldn't get any money until that night. I asked about what time and he said as soon as the man returned from Joliet with the money. I stayed there until about 7:30 or 8:00 o'clock that evening. He had never come back. I got worried, as I had been out a couple of times and around the station and it looked hot for me. Gleason told me I had better not go down town again as he said it did not look so good, "some kind of heat on there today". I went to Joliet that night and caught a bus and headed back towards Kansas City. I went as far as Springfield and stayed there that night at a rooming house right across the street from Johnnie's Buffett. I wish to state that after my arrival at Aurora, Illinois, on February 7th up until the time I left that night I did not communicate with Matt Kersch by telephone at any time but I believe one of the fellows there at the house did try to call him for me. He went out several times and said he would try to get him for me. I did not discuss my escape from the Federal officers with Matt Gleason during the time I had conversation with him in an effort to dispose of my diamond ring. I did tell Ted Smith that I had gotten away from Federal officers. I did this on account of my being all bloody as I was bleeding at the time I was in Ted's place. Ted had lived in the same apartment with me and we had gone on several drunks together and I had quite a little confidence in him, but I did not have much in Matt Gleason. I did have a conversation with Matt Gleason and told him that if I could see Matt Kersch I ought to be able to get some money from him as I had put up money for lights and gas when he opened the Fox Gardens.

After I left Aurora on the night of February 7, 1935, and went to Springfield, Ill., I skipped around the country until up in March when I went to Rockford, Ill. I stayed there with George ~~Mc~~Frank in an apartment located on Palm St. I stayed there about two weeks. I was there when I got the car. I made a trip to Joplin, Mo., after I got the car sometime during the month of April or May at which time I met Spike ~~L~~ane and Longdon, also Blackie ~~D~~oyle.



Relative to the automobile that I had in my possession, a Ford Coupe, when I was apprehended in Chicago, June 1, 1935, I will state I purchased this automobile from a man whom I know as Tony Moreno. I called Elmer Farmer's place at Bensonville, Ill., some one answered the telephone and I asked if Farmer's brother was there and they said yes he is but he is busy. I said can you get hold of Tony and they said yes I can. I said well send him over on North Avenue, I want to see him. They sent him over there and did not ask my name or anything. I met this man on North Avenue close to the Sea Food Inn. He was driving an old Chevrolet two-door sedan. I made arrangements with him to get me a '35 Ford Coupe. I asked how much it would cost me and he said \$125.00. This was about March 22nd or 23rd. I asked him if it would have tags and everything and he said he could not get those for me, so I made a meet with him the next day or so and he had the car and I took it and drove down to Atlanta, Ga., and got tags for it there, under the name Gene L. Jordan. I came back up in Illinois and stayed around the outskirts of Chicago, staying in tourists rooms. I did not locate permanently anywhere. When I got the car it had a little over 500 miles registered on the speedometer, and when I was arrested it had better than 8500. I have been shown a photograph of a man purported to be Mike Moreno and after closely examining same I will state positively that this man is not the man that I purchased the automobile from and whom I know as Tony. I have heard of this man Mike Moreno. He is supposed to be a friend of Elmer Farmer's, but I don't recall ever having seen him. This boy Tony is about 16, 17 or maybe 18 years old. He is about 5'9" tall, weighing about 160 pounds, black hair, black eyes, dark complexion and an Italian. He is just an ordinary dresser. I have seen him around Elmer Farmer's place in Bensonville, Ill., several times. I will further state that I did not know positively that this car was a stolen car. However had the car been on the square I could not have purchased same for \$125.00. Tony told me the numbers on the car had been changed and it was alright to get license with.

I also wish to state that the statement I made to Agent Suran at Chicago stating that 1935 license plates 101295 had been stolen by me and placed on this Ford car and that shortly thereafter, accompanied by Tony Moreno I had driven the car to Dalton, Ga., where Moreno registered it for me under the name Gene L. Jordan, 2009 Kings Street, Dalton, Ga., was not true and wish to state that Moreno did not accompany me to Dalton, Ga. I drove from Rockford, Ill., to Dalton, Ga., in this Ford Coupe by myself and registered the car myself in the Highway Department at Atlanta, Ga., and received Georgia license plates which were on this car when I was arrested in Chicago on June 1, 1935, and that I discarded the Illinois tags after obtaining the Georgia license, throwing them alongside the road on my way back to Illinois. This trip to Georgia was made by me as near as I can recall the latter part of March or the early part of April.

About the latter part of April I made a short visit to Neosha, Mo., where I visited my father and mother, remaining there only fifteen or twenty

minutes. I was advised by both my father and mother that if I remained there they would probably get in some trouble and for that reason my stay was very short. This is the same trip that I was on when I saw Spike Lane, Blackie Doyle and John Langdon at Joplin, Mo., where they were staying at Barr's Tourist Camp near the Amusement Park. I also saw Edna Murray at Cardin, Okla., on the same trip, remaining there about five minutes. After this visit I returned to Rockford, Illinois.

I wish to further state that the statement I made to Agent Suran when questioned about the \$319.05 which was found in my possession at the time of my arrest that the answer I gave when asked where I had obtained this money, stating that I had \$600.00 sewed in my clothes which the Agents of the Kansas City Bureau did not find was incorrect. I wish to state that I had no money on my person. If I had had that much money on my person I would never have tried to pawn my diamond ring and would not have been compelled to borrow a few dollars as I did.

I will also state that the statement I made to Agent Farland about returning to Kansas City a day or two subsequent to the time of my escape was not true, that at the time I stated I had gotten the bus for Kansas City, Mo., I rode only as far as Springfield, Illinois.

I wish to state that at the time Doc Moran disappeared Edna and I were living on the Lakes between Sandusky and Lorraine, Ohio. I stated at one time to Agent Farland that I believed that Doc Moran had been taken out in a motor boat by Doc Barker and Byron Bolton and that the motor boat was the property of a party named Ted Angus. However, I might be mistaken as to the ownership of this motor boat. I will state that a policeman whose name I cannot recall, but who was the boy friend of Bert Angus's wife's sister, her name being Irene, was well acquainted with the Barkers and the rest of the gang and on many occasions had drinks with them in Ted's Casino located on the Lake front in Toledo, O., and was the owner of a motor boat also and his boat might have been used when they took Doc Moran out. This police officer drives a red buick roadster about a 31 or 32 model. I do not know what occurred personally, my only knowledge of this Moran disappearance is what was told me by Elmer Gibson, now deceased.

Davis was questioned very carefully as to his connections and what conversation he had had with Matt Gleason on the night of Feb. 6, 1935, after he had escaped from Federal custody at Yorkville, Ill. As noted in his statement he would make no direct statement that would implicate Matt Gleason of harboring him, stating that he believed that Gleason had been punished enough.

Davis was questioned at some length relative to the identity of Tony Moreno, from whom it was alleged he had purchased a stolen car which was found in his possession at the time he was taken into Federal custody on June 1, 1935. When shown a photograph of Mike Moreno he stated positively that this was not the man that he had purchased the car from. He did qualify this statement, however, stating that Tony Moreno who delivered him the Ford car was well known to Elmer Farmer and his brother Jim Farmer and could be located through them.

Every effort was made to obtain further information from Volney Davis without results.

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328 1/2 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, La.  
October 23, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I.O. #1218; et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim.  
Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives;  
Obstruction of Justice;  
National Firearms Act.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent D. B. Hostetter, St. Louis, Mo., October 21, 1935, indicating that there was a telephone call from Colfax 2914, St. Louis, Mo., an unlisted telephone issued to Lester J. Paul, to Calvez 1744 at New Orleans, Louisiana, on September 26, 1935.

The writer ascertained through the New Orleans Telephone Company, by telephone and by undisclosed identity, that telephone Calvez 1744 at New Orleans is listed to Margaret V. Hennessy, address 950 North Dorgenois Street. This telephone number is listed in the New Orleans telephone directory to Margaret V. Hennessy.

The only Margaret Hennessy listed in the city directory is indicated to reside at 1470 1/2 North Broad Street, New Orleans, which is in the general vicinity of the aforementioned address of Margaret Hennessy. This information was secured from the last issue of the New Orleans city directory, which was 1933.

No further investigation will be made until request is received from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, in accordance with the reference report.

Very truly yours,

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D. W. Magee,  
Special Agent in Charge

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
OCTOBER 24, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated October 14, 1935,  
addressed to this office, copy of which was furnished your  
office and the other offices receiving copies of the instant  
letter.

There is being transmitted herewith a copy of a letter  
directed by Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley of the  
Oklahoma City office under date of October 22, 1935, to this  
office, together with a copy of the photograph of G. W. Hout,  
Oklahoma State Penitentiary No. 6370, identical with Gus  
Hart and other aliases.

Pursuant to the fourth paragraph of the above described Bureau  
letter it is requested that the attached photograph of Hout  
be presented to Jess Doyle, Nebraska State Penitentiary,  
Lincoln, Nebraska, to determine whether Hart is known to  
members of the Barker-Karpis Gang.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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1300 Liberty Trust Building  
Philadelphia Pennsylvania

October 24, 1935.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, w.a.-FUGITIVE,  
I.O. #1218;  
GEORGE EDWARD BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Your cooperation in this matter is  
appreciated.

Very truly yours,

R. G. HARVEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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E. J. Connelley, Special Agent in Charge  
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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of October 9, 1935, and letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Special Assignment, Chicago, Illinois, to the Detroit office under date of October 4, 1935, in reply to Detroit office letter of October 1, 1935, addressed to the Director relative to the advisability of permitting John Karpavicz, the father of Alvin Karpis, to visit Dolores Delaney at the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan.

On October 7, 1935, a letter was addressed by the Detroit office to John J. Ryan, Superintendent, United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, requesting that Mr. Karpavicz be permitted to visit Dolores Delaney, and that the Detroit office be informed of the visit in sufficient time to make arrangements to cover same.

At 12:45 P.M., October 18, 1935, Mr. C. W. Humphrey, Chief Clerk at the Detention Farm, telephonically advised the Detroit office that Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz had unexpectedly arrived at the Detention Farm to visit Dolores Delaney. Mr. Humphrey further advised that he would delay the visit until agents arrived at the Farm to cover this visit.

Accordingly, Special Agents J. H. Hoffman and A. A. Muzzey were immediately dispatched to the Detention Farm to maintain a surveillance of the parties during the course of the visit. A microphone was installed in the visiting room, which tested satisfactorily, and Agents Muzzey and Hoffman secreted themselves in a nearby room to cover the conversation during the course of the visit.



At 3:45 P.M., Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz and the baby son of Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney, known as Alvin Karpis Jr., were all permitted to enter the visiting room to see Dolores Delaney. The acoustics of the room and the baby's crying did not permit an accurate record of the conversation. Mr. Karpavicz speaks in an undertone and in broken English, and only bits of his conversation were heard. However, Dolores's voice was clear and distinctly heard. Mrs. Karpavicz did not enter into the conversation except to exchange greetings with Dolores at the outset of the visit. The guard who was stationed in the visiting room at the beginning of the visit was withdrawn by Mr. Humphrey after he had remained in the room for approximately five minutes.

No information which would be of value in locating and apprehending Alvin Karpis was derived from the covering of the conversation had between Mr. Karpavicz and Dolores. However, the following parts of conversation were overheard which might be of interest in the investigation of this case.

After exchanging greetings Dolores asked Mr. Karpavicz about Emily (Emily Newbold, daughter of Mr. Karpavicz) and Mr. Karpavicz told Dolores that Emily had gone to the Chicago office to make inquiry about an automobile which belonged to Alvin Karpis and which automobile was presently in Havana, Cuba. Mr. Karpavicz stated that Emily was informed at the Chicago office that she should write to certain officials in Cuba to obtain this automobile, but Dolores cautioned Mr. Karpavicz against allowing Emily to write to these officials as in her own words she feared there "was some catch to it." Dolores told Mr. Karpavicz that if it were at all possible to obtain this automobile in Havana, it would be inadvisable to have the car driven back to Chicago, and that it should be sold there, she being of the opinion that at least \$300 could be obtained from the sale of it, and that this \$300 she wished Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz to keep and to use the same for the baby. Dolores further told Mr. Karpavicz that she intended to write to certain people (not mentioning any names) to ascertain how she could obtain this automobile, she stating that the automobile was of no use to her or Alvin now, and that she would attempt to obtain it for sale purposes.

Dolores asked Mr. Karpavicz if there had been much in the papers about Alvin and asked him if his picture has appeared in the newspapers much from the date she entered the Detention Farm. Mr. Karpavicz told her that the only thing of interest regarding Alvin which has appeared in the

papers recently was that he had read that Alvin Karpis's wife had started divorce proceedings against Alvin. Dolores asked Mr. Karpavicz if her picture had appeared in the newspapers and Mr. Karpavicz told her that he had not seen it. Dolores stated that she was happy her picture had not appeared in the newspapers and that she had been promised that her pictures would be kept out of the newspapers as much as possible.

Dolores outlined the prison routine to Mr. Karpavicz during the conversation, stating that she did not think it was so bad, but that she would be "tickled to death" to get out to take care of her baby, she telling Mr. Karpavicz how madly in love she was with the baby and how much the baby resembled Alvin.

She told Mr. Karpavicz that her clothes and personal belongings which she had expected to have sent to Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz by Mr. Ryan, Superintendent, had not been sent, and that she would ask Mr. Humphrey if she could not have these personal possessions released that afternoon to Mr. Karpavicz so that he might take them back to Chicago with him, she telling Mr. Karpavicz that there were certain things she wished Mr. Karpavicz would keep for her until she got out, specifically mentioning three rings and a watch with her birthstone set in it.

Dolores then asked Mr. Karpavicz if her brother had been over to see them lately, she stating that she had requested her sister to see that her brother got over to see the Karpavicz family to express her appreciation for being so nice to her in caring for the baby and for many other favors which the Karpavicz family had done for her.

They then talked at length about the baby's condition, and Mr. Karpavicz outlined the daily routine of the baby, stating that he took the baby out every day for sunshine and air.

Dolores then requested of Mr. Humphrey that her personal possessions be released to Mr. Karpavicz and the same were ordered brought to the visiting room by Mr. Humphrey where an inventory of same was made and they were turned over to Mr. Karpavicz.

Before departing Mr. Karpavicz was again told by Dolores that she would make efforts to obtain this automobile in Havana, Cuba, and that she would write a letter, stating she had the address of some person upstairs (evidently



her quarters in the Penitentiary) in an effort to obtain the release of this automobile. (In regard to this, inasmuch as a very satisfactory arrangement has been effected between the Detroit office and Superintendent Ryan as to the covering of Dolores's correspondence, the Bureau will have knowledge of any individual to whom Dolores might write and who may develop to be of interest in instant case.)

It was evident that no suspicion was aroused on the part of Mr. Karpavicz as to the delay in the visit, inasmuch as Dolores, upon asking Mr. Karpavicz when he had arrived and being told that he had arrived between 12:00 and 12:30, told him she thought the reason for the delay in allowing him to visit her was that Mr. Bates (Hon. Sanford Bates, Director of Prison) was at Milan that day and therefore Mr. Ryan did not allow her to have the visit until he departed with Mr. Bates. The visit of Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz and the baby with Dolores consumed approximately three quarters of an hour, and before departing Mr. Karpavicz told Dolores that he would again attempt to obtain permission to visit her some time in the near future.

Agents Hoffman and Muxzey noticed that the Karpavicz family had come to Milan in a 1928 or 1929 green Buick sedan bearing 1935 Illinois license plates 791-755, and at the Agent's request, Mr. Humphrey ascertained that the driver of this automobile, who accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz and the baby, was John Post, giving his address as 3300 West Armitage Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Special Agent W. J. Devereux at the Chicago office was telephonically advised of the visit on the same day.

Very truly yours,

W. J. West  
Special Agent in Charge

AM:vas  
cc Bureau  
Chicago  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul

Post Office Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
October 22, 1935

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7-35

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218, ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING, HARBORING, OBSTRUCTION  
OF JUSTICE, NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Referring to Bureau letter dated October 4, 1935  
to the Kansas City Office wherein reference is made to the re-  
port of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, dated at Kansas City, Mis-  
souri September 26, 1935, concerning informants [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] there is attached hereto two copies of [REDACTED] photographs  
[REDACTED] who is iden-  
tical with [REDACTED]

These photographs are being forwarded to the  
Kansas City Office for their assistance in conducting further in-  
terview with [REDACTED] relative to Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell.

Very truly yours,

DEIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Enclosure  
cc Bureau  
St. Paul  
Chicago  
Cincinnati

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Post Office Box 518  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
October 24, 1935

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Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 512  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Enclosed herewith is a photograph of Isabelle Born,  
with aliases: Belle Born, Belle Anderson, Belle Murphy, and  
Mrs. C. J. Murphy, paramour of G. J. Fitzgerald, and it is  
requested that the appropriate number of copies be made of  
this photograph and furnished to each field office, together  
with the description of Isabelle Born, so that the same will  
be available in the event it becomes necessary at a future  
date for any Bureau Office to maintain a surveillance of this  
individual or conduct other investigation with reference to  
her.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Cincinnati

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November 1, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 612,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O.#1118, et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

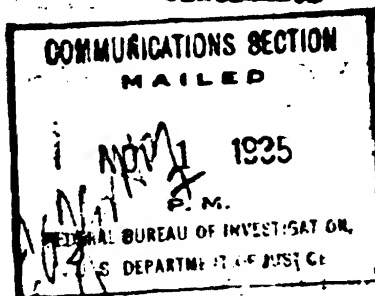
Reference is made to the letter of the St. Paul Office  
to you dated October 24, 1935, transmitting a photograph of  
ISABELLE BORN, with the request that an appropriate number of  
copies of this photograph be made and furnished to each field  
office.

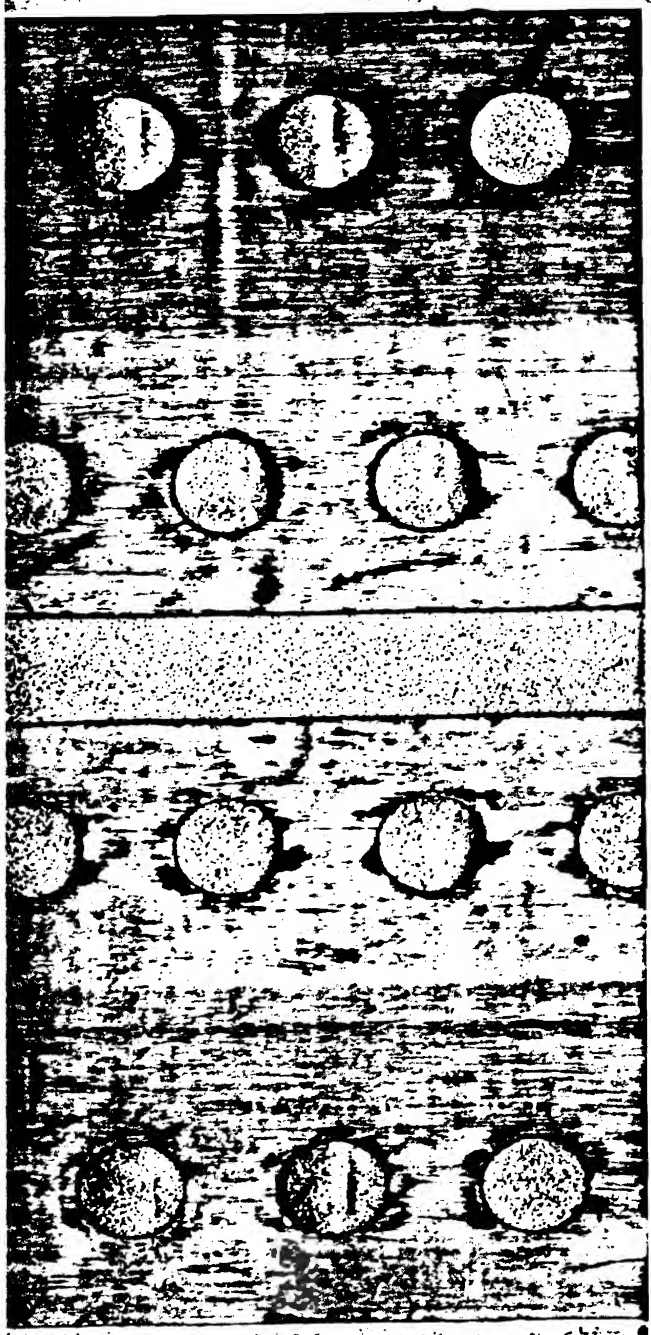
It is requested that the Bureau be immediately furnished  
with an appropriate number of copies of this photograph.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-St. Paul  
Cincinnati





OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

October 25, 1935.

Time: 11:30 AM

MEMORANDUM

RE: Request of Colonel Gates  
for Identification Orders  
on Dr. Joseph P. Moran.

Colonel Gates telephoned and said that  
he desired a few Identification Orders on  
Dr. Joseph P. Moran.

Six copies were sent around to Colonel  
Gates.

J. E. H.

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Miss Gandy .....

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
October 24, 1935

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

On October 23, 1935 Mr. Mackaye, local representative of the Associated Press, called this office to advise that he had received information from a source in Duluth, Minnesota, which he declined to disclose, that a Special Agent of this Bureau named LaPree arrested some man in Duluth last Thursday, October 17, 1935, on the charge of passing some of the Bremer ransom money; that Agent LaPree and his prisoner proceeded from Duluth to St. Paul on that same date to the St. Paul Office of this Bureau, where the prisoner was to undergo questioning.

On October 24, 1935 Mr. G. R. Spaeth of the Duluth Herald, Duluth, Minnesota, called by long distance telephone to furnish the same information, and to inquire as to the authenticity of the story. He declined to state the source of his information. He stated that his informant had told him that Agent LaPree was a former Doctor of Medicine. Mr. Spaeth stated his informant described the man in LaPree's custody as being 28, tall, suave, close-set eyes, a high school graduate with two years of college. Both the Associated Press and Mr. Spaeth were advised that this office had no information concerning the matter.

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Believing that Secret Service operatives might have been working in Duluth on or about October 17, 1935, an inquiry was made of the local office. However, that office advised that they had made no arrests in Duluth, Minnesota, or that vicinity on or about October 17, 1935. It appears probable that some newspaperman's informant saw some prisoner in custody of an officer and jumped to the conclusion that Agents of this Bureau had effected an arrest.

This information is being called to your attention inasmuch as Mr. Spaeth of the Duluth Herald stated that he would communicate with you to learn whether you had any facts on this matter. //

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*  
H. E.

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

CS:ACF

cc Cincinnati  
cc Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago



1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

October 23, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers' Building  
Chicago, Illinois

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. #1218, ET AL  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING, HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION  
OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. L. Madala, dated at Chicago, Illinois, October 17, 1935, wherein it states that Special Agent Madala was advised by Volney Davis that at one time Karpis had told him that he, Karpis, could purchase an interest in an international slot-machine syndicate through friends in Cleveland, Ohio; and report of Special Agent J. L. Madala, dated at Chicago, Illinois, October 16, 1935, [REDACTED]

In connection with the above, Special Agent C. E. Smith communicated with [REDACTED] confidential informant of the Cleveland Office, for the purpose of ascertaining the identity of the individual or contact who was in Europe.

[REDACTED] advised that Clarence Heberbrand, younger brother of Art; William Mitchell, former real estate broker who has been previously reported in this case, (see summary report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, dated at Detroit, Michigan, April 27, 1935) and William Ferguson, a well known Cleveland hoodlum; and a slot-machine mechanic whose name [REDACTED] did not know, were presently somewhere in Europe.

Continuing, [REDACTED] stated that some time back he had heard that the "deal" in Europe had "blown up" and the above-named individuals were returning. However, informant was unable to state whether they had returned.

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Agent Smith made arrangements with [redacted] whereby he will again be contacted and additional information relative to the whereabouts of Haberbrand, Fergus and Mitchell, and the prospective date of their return to this country, secured.

Informant further advised that James "Shimmy" Patton's wife had also made a trip to Europe. However, it is apparently only a pleasure trip.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland  
Special Agent in Charge

CRS:jje

cc - Bureau  
St. Paul  
Chicago  
Cincinnati

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October 25, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I.O. #1218 - et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Information has come into the possession of the Bureau from time to time to the effect that during the course of the trial of numerous defendants in the Bremer case at St. Paul, during April and May, 1935, conversations were had between Mr. DeCourcy, counsel for "Doc" Barker, and "Doc" Barker, as well as others, which pertained to the death of Dr. Joseph P. Moran.

In view of the recent information which has been disclosed by Edna Murray and Volney Davis in regard to the death of Dr. Moran, the St. Paul Office is requested to immediately interview Mr. DeCourcy very thoroughly with regard to any information which may have been imparted to him by members of this group which related to the death of Dr. Moran.

The Bureau desires to be advised in the premises at an early date.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover, Director, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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cc-Mr. Connelley (Chicago)  
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October 25, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 812,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Correspondence emanating from the Chicago Office  
in the above entitled case indicates that Edith Barry of Toledo,  
Ohio

In view of the fact that the Bureau desires at an  
appropriate future date to institute proceedings against Edith  
Barry charging her with Harboring and/or Conspiracy to Harbor,  
it is desired that you make immediate efforts to secure  
so that they will be available  
to the Bureau in the event of trial at a later date.

Very truly yours,

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7-576-7807

John Edgar Hoover, DIRECTOR OF INVESTIGATION  
Director.

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DIRECTOR

PHONE. INFORMANT [REDACTED]

SHE LAST SAW CHARLES FITZGERALD [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BELLE VERY FRIENDLY WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BOTH OF WHOM HAVE PROBABLY BEEN VISITED BY FITZGERALD.

INFORMANT STATES BELLE IN JULY THIS YEAR ACCOMPANIED TWO UNKNOWN MEN FROM CHICAGO TO HURLEY WHERE THEY FREQUENTED BLUE RIBBON CASINO, OPERATED BY FRANK VIOSKI AND THEN PROCEEDED TO MANKATO, MINN. [REDACTED]

AUTHORITY

REQUESTED TO ADVANCE INFORMANT NOT TO EXCEED \$20.00, TO DEFRAY EXPENSES FOR THIS PURPOSE

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*Confidential Informants*  
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*as of 10/24/35*

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
October 25, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; et al;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Bureau letter dated July 27, 1935, there are transmitted to the Bureau and to the offices listed below, copies of a letter written by Dolores DeLaney, who is presently confined to the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan, from her mother, Mrs. Helen DeLaney.

Very truly yours,

*W. J. West*

W. J. West  
Special Agent in Charge

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(Note in corner of  
first page)  
Write me at Chicago  
same address, I will  
be there

Oct. 20th, 1935

bye bye

Mother

My Dear Baby.

Your letter was forwarded to me almost two weeks ago. You knew Dolores I thought that I would be in Chicago when your letter got there. But it just seems like things don't break right for me some how. And I know to dear that you have been looking for my letter.

But this is one thing sure, Mugs wrote me that she was going to be married some time right after Nov. 4th and she wanted me to be sure and be there. And I am going to be, if I am living.

I have a few dollars co,ing the 1st enough to take me to Chicago. I guess you are kind of disapointed with me. Well how have you been in every way? Let me know. Pat is up for parole this month, don't know if he will make it yet. He sent word to me that he would do what he could for you. And he would see that I get to see you.

Dolores, do you know that today is my sister Babes' birthday. So I kind of got the blues. Its Sunday and its dreary.

I hope that luck is with me, and I'll only have one more Sunday here. What do you do on Sunday? It must be a long day. Don't you get out sides every day? How is your hair? I wish Mr. and Mrs. Karpis could take the baby to see you after I get down there and may be I could go along. Wouldn't that be some reunion. How is your little friend Wynona? Give her my love. My dear, do you realize I am getting old. Francis had a birth-day the 10th of this month and she was 30 years old. Can you imagine that. I sent her a cake and some candy. Babe sent her 50 cts. I suppose Babe told you that she was working part time. Mugs says she has been so nervous ever since she was away that she had to quit working.

I know one thing for sure that Dick will be awful good to her. He is one sweet fellow and has very fine people. When she was in trouble he stood by her regardless of the notierity. It proves hes' a man. Just like you Dolores, the G men said you wouldn't talk. Knowing you as I do I knew you wouldn't. And if you had, I wouldn't thought so much of you nor any body elses, even themselves.

If you loved him and he was good to you before you knew who he was then it wouldn't be right to betray him. You asked me if I ever gave the G men youre picture, no dear, but they showed me a picture supposed to be you sitting in a car. But I said it wasn't cause I didn't think it

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was. It wasn't plan. It was supposed to be taken in Anianette I think.  
I don't like to rehearse any part of it. They don't bother me any more.  
Not since about in June sometime.

You know Dolores, this is what a priest told me. He said if  
other lives and doing was made public like the ganster what would it look  
like, It wouldnt look so good on the papers' headlines. I don't approve  
of gansters by any means. And I am glad that I never saw any of them  
and I hope you have had your lesson and will benefit by the experience.  
Try and forget it all dear and pray that we will be together some day.  
Let me know how you are.

Your loving mother.

Envelope addressed as follows:

Mrs. Helen DeLaney  
4554 - Maldin St.  
Chicago, Ill.

(Postmarked St. Paul, Minn.  
Oct. 21, 9:30 P.M., 1935)

Miss Dolores De Laney  
Milan  
Michigan

Box 1000.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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OCTOBER 25 1935

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

ST PAUL OFFICE

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BREKID AUTHORITY GRANTED PAY INFORMANT \$20 TO DEFRAY EXPENSES  
OF TRIP TO HURLEY WISCONSIN AND IRONWOOD MICHIGAN

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FJM:EG

Laboratory Report

Case: <sup>0</sup> October 22, 1935.  
Alvin Karpis, with aliases - Fugitive,  
I. O. #1218, et al.; Edward G. Bremer -  
Victim; Kidnaping.

Number: 7-576-7725

Specimens:

A. Original letter from G. E. Barker to Arthur Barker, beginning, "Dear Sam:- Tell here I am down in Mexico seeing lots of new", B. Envelope in which above letter was mailed, postmarked "Nuevo Laredo, Tam., October 9, (year illegible) 18-19", and addressed to Arthur Barker. C. Original letter from G. E. Barker to Lloyd Barker, beginning, "Dear Sam:- Tell here I am down in Mexico seeing things". D. Envelope in which above letter was mailed, postmarked "Nuevo Laredo, Tam., October 9, 1935, 18-19", and addressed to Lloyd Barker.

Examination requested by:

Kansas City Bureau Office.

Date received:

10/21/35.

Examination requested:

Treat for secret writing.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C. A. Appel

No evidence was found indicating that any secret message existed in the submitted letters and envelopes.

The originals will be returned as soon as photographic copies have been made for the completion of the Bureau's files.

- 1 - Bureau
- 2 - Kansas City
- 1 - Mr. Connelley, Chicago
- 1 - St. Paul
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- 1 - Laboratory

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases -  
Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al.;  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report  
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office  
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in  
the Bureau

October 21, 1935.

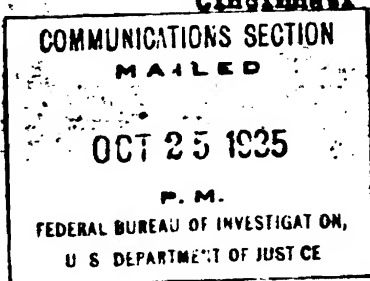
Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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cc - Mr. Connelley, Chicago  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati



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EPR  
E. J. Fox  
H.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
508 Medical Arts Bldg.,  
Nashville, Tennessee,  
October 26, 1935.

TNS:MC

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please forward the Nashville Office  
18 copies of Identification Order #1218 on Alvin  
Karpis, with aliases, a subject in the Bremer  
kidnaping case.

Very truly yours,

*T. N. Stapleton*

T. N. STABLETON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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JEH:AS

October 24, 1935

Time: 4:31 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

RE: Charles Luciano.

Mr. Suydam telephoned and inquired if an Identification Order had been published on Charles Luciano. Mr. Suydam stated that he thought Luciano was involved in the recent gang shootings in New York. I stated that I did not believe an Identification Order had been issued on this individual, but would ascertain definitely and inform him.

Time: 5:35 P.M.

Mr. Suydam was informed that no Identification Order on Charles Luciano had been issued.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.  
Oct. 26, 1935.

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. 1218, FUGITIVE, ET AL.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to St. Paul teletype to the  
Bureau dated October 24, 1935, and telegram in reply from the  
Bureau of October 25, 1935.

On the evening of October 31, 1935, she will  
again be contacted by Agent Suran at which time he will furnish  
her with a round trip bus ticket to those points, and necessary  
money to defray expenses.

Very truly yours,  
*H. E. Andersen*  
H. E. ANDERSEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CS:SC  
CC-Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago.  
Chicago  
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U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

October 26, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH  
P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232;  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O.  
1236 et al - Edward George Bremer,  
Victim - KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF  
FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent Edward Scheidt, Charlotte, North Carolina dated October 16, 1935, which report was accompanied by a negative of a snapshot picture which was furnished Special Agent Scheidt by Mrs. W. H. Thompson, now residing in Charlotte, and who formerly resided near Allendale, Florida and was friendly toward subject Donald, with aliases, and Myrtle Eaton.

Six enlargements have been made from this negative, two copies of which are being furnished the Bureau and one copy each to the office of origin and St. Paul.

It will be noted that Mrs. Thompson advised she does not know the identity of the first person appearing in the photograph reading from left to right; that the second person is a priest, name unknown, who was friendly toward subject Donald and Myrtle Eaton; that the third person is a Mr. Marsh, the fourth person Myrtle Eaton, and the fifth person Mrs. Marsh, the Marshes being friends of Myrtle Eaton and Phoenix Donald while at Allendale, Florida.

It is suggested that the St. Paul office show this photograph to either Myrtle Eaton or subject Donald in an effort to definitely identify the persons appearing in this picture.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD,

Special Agent in Charge

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CC St. Paul (Enclosure-1)

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida  
October 26, 1935.

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; et al.  
Edward George Bremer, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Mr. William A. Paisley, Assistant United States Attorney at Jacksonville, Florida, was in conversation with me this morning concerning the proposed prosecution of subject MYRTLE EATON in the District of Florida on charges of harboring and conspiracy to harbor William Weaver.

The United States Attorney, Jacksonville, has received from Assistant Attorney General Joseph B. Keenan a letter dated October 23, 1935, attached to which was photostatic copy of a letter dated October 18, 1935, addressed by the United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, to the Attorney General in Washington, D. C. The gist of this letter to the Attorney General is to the effect that William Weaver has indicated that he will enter a plea of guilty in the case in St. Paul, Minnesota, if the Government will release all charges against Myrtle Eaton and put her on the street. This applies to indictments pending against Myrtle Eaton both in St. Paul and in Jacksonville, Florida.

In his letter to the Attorney General the United States Attorney in St. Paul says it is very apparent that the only substantial evidence against Weaver in the case pending there will be the testimony expected of Byron Bolton. He also says that Farmer and Alberton, on the other hand, have viewed Weaver and claim that he, Weaver, is not the man they saw guarding Bremer at the hideout.

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The United States Attorney at St. Paul indicates that the source of his information regarding the proposed plea of guilty by Weaver is the St. Paul Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and in this connection I presume the Bureau is apprised.

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Director,

10/26/35.

The Attorney General's letter to the United States Attorney at Jacksonville indicates that they are in receipt of a copy of the indictment pending in Jacksonville against Myrtle Eaton, and requests statement of facts in the Florida case and expression of his views on the subject matter contained in the letter from the United States Attorney at St. Paul to the Attorney General.

Mr. Paisley, at Jacksonville, has informed that he has considered all the reports submitted in this matter and is writing a letter to the Attorney General setting forth his views regarding the prosecution here.

I did not indicate to Mr. Paisley any views on the matter as entertained by this office or the Bureau, but told him I would submit it to the Bureau as no doubt it is already being considered there, and would be glad to inform him of any advice that I received which might be of benefit in connection with the case pending here.

Very truly yours,



R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

RED:C

Cc: Mr. Connelley, Chicago  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul.

Jax File 7-24.

ADDENDUM: Since typing of this letter  
Mr. Paisley has handed me a  
copy of his letter to the Attorney Gen-  
eral setting forth his views. This letter  
is attached hereto.

WAP:efw

Jacksonville, October 25, 1935.

The Attorney General,  
Washington, D. C.

S i r :

This office is in receipt of your letter of October 23, 1935, under symbols JHK-HAP-FMP 109-30-1, inclosing copy of a letter from the United States Attorney of St. Paul, Minnesota, dated October 18, 1935, concerning William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton and involving the Bremer kidnaping case at St. Paul.

You state that you are in possession of a copy of the indictment returned in this district against Myrtle Eaton and Weaver and desire that we furnish you with a statement of the facts in the case. You also desire our views as to disposition of the indictment in this district in the light of the statements contained in the letter of the United States Attorney at St. Paul.

First, as to the facts, the available evidence against these defendants is contained in the following reports of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, copies of which are, of course, available to your office:

Report of Special Agent M. W. Mackins,  
dated at Jacksonville, Florida, September 9, 1935.

Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran,  
dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, September 7, 1935.

Report of Special Agent E. J. Connolly,  
dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 7, 1935.

We have no other reports than these in this case. We understand today from the local office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that a summary report is being prepared, but that nothing additional of any importance will be contained therein.

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The facts were presented to a grand jury in this district for the reason that we understood from the Bureau of Investigation that such was the desire of the Department. We were given to understand, or at least obtained the impression, that the case against Myrtle Eaton was rather weak in St. Paul; that she was an habitual criminal and a constant associate of bank robbers, kidnapers, and other major criminals; and that it was desired that she be indicted in this district as a precautionary step, so that we could bring her to trial in event she should escape punishment at St. Paul.

Accordingly, the indictment was obtained, and the United States Attorney at St. Paul was requested to remove Myrtle Eaton to this district in the event prosecution there should be unsuccessful. At the same time we advised the United States Attorney at St. Paul that we were not requesting the removal of Weaver, as we understood that there was practically no likelihood we would ever bring him to trial in this district, in view of the more serious charges pending in his district and elsewhere.

As to our views as to the disposition of the case in this district, in the light of the statements of the United States Attorney at St. Paul, we would interpose no objection to applying for an order of nolle prosequi under all the circumstances. In view of the stated weakness of the government's case against Weaver in the Minnesota District, it would seem to us that the ends of public justice would be better served if Weaver's proposal to plead guilty, on the conditions mentioned, should be accepted.

In this connection, we might state that this office would not have presented this case to the grand jury had we not understood that it was the express wish of the Department. As pointed out by the United States Attorney at St. Paul, the case against Myrtle Eaton for harboring Weaver is rather weak. After all, the available evidence

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reported simply shows that she lived with Weaver in Florida as his common law wife, with knowledge that he was probably wanted in the Bremer kidnaping case. The only acts on her part reported, aside from those to be normally expected from a housewife, consisted of going to a bank at Daytona Beach on two or three occasions and changing currency for other currency. Real property was bought in her name, but apparently Weaver himself negotiated the deal. A jury in this district might very well conclude that about all she was guilty of was "standing by her man," and with the result that there would likely be not be a mistrial or an acquittal.

There is another weakness, or at least something to be considered, in connection with the government's case against Myrtle Eaton in Florida, namely, the amount of punishment which could, in any event, be meted out to her. The first two counts are laid under Section 141 of the Criminal Code (Title 18 U. S. C. 846), providing a penalty of only a fine of \$1,000.00, or imprisonment for six months, or both. These counts simply charge the same offense in different language, and, therefore, the maximum punishment would be only the fine and imprisonment for six months in a county jail. The third count charges an alleged conspiracy between Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, and others to the grand jurors unknown, to commit an offense against the United States by harboring Weaver. There is no evidence of any other person than these two having so conspired, however, and it is at least doubtful, therefore, that a conspiracy charge could be sustained -- see *Seabird vs. United States*, 237 U. S. 112, involving an alleged conspiracy on the part of a woman to transport herself in interstate commerce for immoral purposes. In the case now under consideration, Weaver is charged with having conspired to harbor himself. We added this count with misgivings as to its validity, thinking that this woman might want to plead guilty and that, in such event, it would be preferable that

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it be possible for the court to send her to a Federal institution for incarceration for at least two years rather than to a county jail for not more than six months.

For the reasons stated, therefore, we will be agreeable to applying for an order of habeas corpus if it will aid the ends of justice in disposing of the case at St. Paul. Accordingly, we await authority to apply for such order, or for other instructions in the premises.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. BERLAND,  
United States Attorney.

BY:  
WILLIAM A. PAISLEY,  
Assistant United States Attorney.

Copies to:

United States Attorney,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mr. R. A. Alt, Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

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November 6, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1218, et al,  
Edward George Bremer -  
Victim, KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to your letter of October 26,  
1935, which pertains to the proposed prosecution against  
William Weaver at St. Paul, Minnesota and Myrtle Eaton  
at Jacksonville, Florida.

This will inform you that this matter has been  
brought to the attention of the Bureau by the Department,  
and the Bureau does not feel that an opinion should be  
expressed as to the nature of the prosecution which should  
be undertaken against William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton.  
For your information, the Department has been advised that  
the Bureau will defer to its judgment with regard to the  
proposed prosecutions. When the Bureau is informed of the  
views of the Department on this subject, the interested  
offices will be advised.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
MAILED  
CC Mr. Connelley at Chicago  
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Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

October 26th, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;  
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to your letter of July 3rd, 1935, authorizing this Office to pay the claims of Mr. Paul Lenco and Mr. Jay H. Twitchell, amounting to \$132.02.

I desire to advise that these claims have now been paid in full.

Very truly yours,

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*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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# **FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>St. Paul, Minnesota</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>10-26-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>10/23-24/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. C. SURAN</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. # 1218; ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p><b>[REDACTED]</b> advised this date that <b>C. J. FITZGERALD</b> <b>[REDACTED]</b> after which he left, <b>[REDACTED]</b> may to enter hospital Chicago, Illinois. <b>[REDACTED]</b></p> <p><b>[REDACTED]</b> and has expressed willingness to cooperate.</p>			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, St. Paul, Minnesota, 9-7-35.			
DETAILS: <p>Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley instructed that efforts should be made to locate and interview <b>[REDACTED]</b> and an effort be made to obtain confidentially information concerning the present whereabouts of C. J. FITZGERALD or other fugitives in this case.</p> <p>Special Agent (A) G. A. Paulson was advised by <b>[REDACTED]</b> that they had been unable to secure the address of <b>[REDACTED]</b></p>			
DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <b>H. E. Anderson</b> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-7817 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION OCT 28 A.M. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ROUTED TO: <b>ONE</b> FILE		RECORDED AND INDEXED: OCT 28 1935 CHECKED OFF: OCT 29 1935 JACKETED:
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[REDACTED] he had been interested in BELLE BOHN and had endeavored to secure information concerning her from [REDACTED] but did not press the point and therefore did not secure any information concerning the activities of BELLE BOHN. [REDACTED] when first approached by this Agent stated that he presumed Agent was making inquiries [REDACTED] in an effort to obtain information concerning BELLE BOHN, and that he was willing to cooperate to the fullest possible extent in connection with this matter.

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[REDACTED] that BELLE BOHN was divorced from her second husband, Sergeant William Bohn, about eleven years ago, and to the best of her knowledge BELLE began associating with FITZGERALD subsequent to that time, but she does not know exactly when BELLE began running around over the country with FITZGERALD. [REDACTED] knows as CHUCK MURPHY. [REDACTED] identifies the photograph of C. J. FITZGERALD as being identical with CHUCK MURPHY.

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[REDACTED]

at which time MURPHY was experiencing quite a bit of difficulty with one of his legs, and that the same was in a cast. She stated that this is the last time that she had seen or heard of CHUCK MURPHY.

CHUCK became quite seriously ill as a result of removing the cast from his leg too soon and that it was necessary to rush him away from Mankato and, according to BELLE, he was taken to a hospital in Chicago, Illinois.

In connection with CHUCK, BELLE always represented that CHUCK MURPHY made his money through the operation of two night clubs in Chicago, Illinois. She stated that CHUCK MURPHY was very generous to BELLE.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

b7D [redacted] that to the best of her knowledge [redacted]  
remained in Mankato, Minnesota.

[redacted] that to the best  
of her recollection it was in July 1935 that [redacted] left Mankato,  
Minnesota, returning several weeks later.

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[REDACTED] photographs of the various members of the KARPIS-BARKER mob. She advised that she had at no time seen any of them at BELLE'S place, but stated that she had heard rumors that BELLE BORN at one time had harbored JOHN DILLINGER at Mankato, Minnesota; that she had no information to substantiate this; that she personally did not see DILLINGER at that place, and that her information was merely rumors circulated by the various neighbors of BELLE.

[REDACTED] BELLE'S mother and father are deceased and that her living relatives are a sister, Mae Neuenberg, who operates a rooming house at Butte, Montana; that although BELLE and Mae do not get along very well, BELLE usually visits Mae about once a year, and that she does not believe BELLE has been to Butte, Montana, for at least a year; that BELLE has a half-sister, Minnie Olsen, wife of Ole Olsen, who resides at Mankato, Minnesota, and that BELLE likewise does not get along very well with Minnie Olsen; that BELLE has a niece, Mrs. Florence Cudding, who resides at 266 Sherman Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, and has previously been mentioned throughout this report.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that she would be most willing to cooperate with the Bureau in the location of FITZGERALD or any other fugitives in this case, but of course she would be unable to obtain any information direct from BELLE.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Agent with a photograph of BELLE BORN,  
and the Chicago Office has been requested to make a sufficient number of  
copies of this photograph to be furnished to each field office of the  
Bureau for future use in the event that it becomes necessary at a future  
date for any field office to conduct further investigation in connection  
with BELLE BORN.

[REDACTED] had advised her that she had obtained information from  
[REDACTED] that the latter owned two houses of prostitution at Detroit Lakes,  
Minnesota. [REDACTED] that she had never received this information  
from any other source, and did not know whether it was true.

No leads are being set out for investigation by Agents of this  
Bureau [REDACTED] at the present time.

[REDACTED] and copies of this report are  
being furnished to the Detroit and Milwaukee Offices for their information  
only at this time.

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

October 24, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1216, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT

Dear Sir:

Investigation through the Motor Sales Company, Johnson City, Tennessee as to the purchase of an Oldsmobile sedan by subject William Weaver as J. W. Osborne, revealed that at the time of this transaction he traded in a black 1934 master Chevrolet sedan, motor No. 4482615 serial No. 1DA06435, which he stated he had purchased from the Chevrolet dealer at Clyde, Ohio. The dealer at Johnson City, Tennessee informed that before closing the transaction with Osborne he communicated telephonically with the dealer at Clyde, Ohio, and learned that the Chevrolet sedan in question had been paid for.

It is desired that contact be had with the Chevrolet dealer at Clyde, Ohio in order to check the purchase of the above Chevrolet sedan by Weaver, also to learn what automobile if any Weaver traded in at the time of this transaction. It is also thought possible that other members of the Karpis Barker mob may have had dealings at Clyde, Ohio, and that possibly Karpis or Campbell may have recently acquired new automobiles through this source.

Please see that this investigation is conducted immediately and that photographs of all subjects of this file be displayed at the time.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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St. Paul  
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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

October 26, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH  
P. MORAN with aliases; I.O. 1232;  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O.  
1236 et al - Edward George Bremer,  
Victim - KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF  
FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent A. E. Farland, Kansas City, Missouri dated October 23, 1935, and particularly to paragraph 2 on page 3 of this report, wherein it is indicated that subject Volney Davis admitted to Special Agent Farland that he obtained the Georgia license plates appearing on the Ford coupe in his possession at the time of his arrest from the Highway Department at Atlanta, Georgia during the latter part of May, 1935.

It is suggested that handwriting specimens already in the Bureau's possession be compared with the handwriting specimen appearing on the registration for this car in the name of Gene L. Gordon, 2008 King Street, Delta, Georgia, which is also in the Bureau's possession. It will be recalled that Volney Davis' original statement with reference to the obtaining of these license plates was that Tony Moreno, Chicago, Illinois obtained them at Atlanta, Georgia.

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D. M. LADD,

Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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Laboratory Report

Case: BREYID.

Number: 7-576-7819

Specimens:

It is requested that handwriting specimens of Volney Davis be compared with the handwriting specimen on registration for the car found in possession of Volney Davis at time of his arrest during latter part of May, 1935. The car was a Ford coupe, and the name appearing on registration is Gene L. Gordon, 2008 King Street, Dalta, Georgia.

Examination requested by: Chicago, Office.

Date received: 10-29-35, jwh.

Examination requested: Document.

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel

CC: E.J. Connelley of Chicago Office, and the St. Paul, Cincinnati and Kansas City Offices.

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
October 25, 1935

Mr. John J. Ryan  
Superintendent  
U. S. Detention Home  
Milan, Michigan

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, wa - FUGITIVE  
I.O. #1218; et al;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith a  
letter addressed to Dolores Delaney, an in-  
mate of your institution, from her mother,  
Mrs. Helen Delaney.

The contents of this letter have  
been carefully scrutinized and appear to con-  
tain no information of value.

Thanking you for your interest and  
cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

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cc-Bureau ✓

W. J. West  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida  
October 25, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Post Office Box 612  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I.O. #1218; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING, etc.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed tracing was received from Jacksonville, Fla.

This tracing is of a letterhead from  
Glad Wood, Sarasota, Florida, dated Oct. 21, 1935,  
postmarked Chicago, Ill., Oct. 21, 1935,  
return address: 2, Allen Road, c/o Union Trust Co.,  
Chicago, 65 West Jackson Boulevard.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Enclosure.

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St. Paul  
Cincinnati.

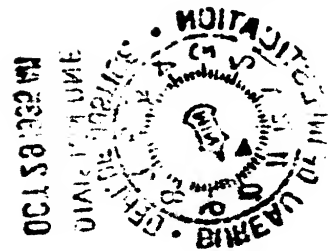
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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS



October 25, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE  
I.O. 1818; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN  
with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY  
CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236  
et al - Edward George Bremer, Victim  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT.

With reference to the investigation of this case at Toledo  
and Cleveland, Ohio and vicinity which is being handled by Special Agent  
C. E. Smith of your office, it is requested that he arrange for weekly  
contacts with the various informants at both Toledo and Cleveland.

Special consideration should be given to the contacts with

It is requested that if the authority  
already obtained to pay fifty dollars as needed is now exhausted,  
that you request further authority to make payments to [redacted] It is  
believed that this informant if properly handled and frequently contacted,  
and given a nominal sum frequently may produce the desired results at Tol-  
edo, Ohio.

At Cleveland, Ohio it is suggested that weekly contacts  
be had with confidential informant [redacted] relative to the in-  
formation he furnished Special Agent Smith as is covered in letter from  
the Cleveland office to Mr. Connelley dated October 23, 1935, concerning  
the individuals who are connected with the Harvard Club at Cleveland, Ohio  
who are now in Europe attempting to obtain slot machine concessions  
there.

It is also suggested that leads set forth in the report  
of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Cleveland, Ohio July 27, 1935 be covered as  
soon as possible, in addition to a thorough investigation of the addresses

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and persons living at these addresses, which were obtained as a result of long distance telephone calls from Edith Barry to various persons in Cleveland, Ohio.

It is further requested that Special Agent Smith be instructed to furnish me with weekly reports as to his efforts in contacting informants and conducting his investigations at Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

RDB:JMS

D. M. LADD,

CC Bureau  
CC St. Paul  
CC Cincinnati

Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
October 25, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of October 23, 1935, you are advised that Special Agent M. V. Kirkland is now on special assignment with Agents Paulson, Suran, and Tonis maintaining surveillance and the telephone tap on Belle Born at Mankato, Minnesota, in connection with the Brekid case.

It appears quite probable, according to Mr. Connelley, that this setup may terminate at an early date. Immediately upon the conclusion of that assignment Agent Kirkland will proceed to your office.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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*Edward George Bremer*



Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

October 24, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Washington, D.C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT

Dear Sir:

You will find enclosed herewith a copy of the report prepared by Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, Kansas City, Missouri, dated September 26, 1935, also copy of report of Special Agent Edward Scheidt, Charlotte, North Carolina dated October 16, 1935.

The first report contains an interview with Mrs. Esther Twilly of Coffeyville, Kansas, who states that last spring a man known to her as Jimmy Murphy White visited Al Sherwood of Coffeyville, Kansas, and from the conversation which she overheard between Sherwood and her son-in-law Earl Morris in South Coffeyville, White lived in an apartment at 21st and C street, Washington, D.C., and was an underworld contact. She stated that when Jimmy Murphy White left Coffeyville, Earl Morris could not be located and while he was away she went to Al Sherwood to learn where Morris was, and Sherwood refused to tell her, but stated that if she would write a letter to him he would see that it reached him. Mrs. Twilly was of the opinion that Morris had gone to Washington, D.C. with White. Examination of this file indicates that Al Sherwood and Tommy Hill, Coffeyville, Kansas, both of whom are underworld characters are in good positions to have information of value as to Karpis and Campbell.

The second report referred to above indicates that William Weaver under the name of Osborne purchased a filling station located near Harbor Oaks, Florida, which he intended Jimmy White to operate. It is desired that an Agent, who is familiar with the background of this case be assigned to interview J.M. White for full information in his possession not only concerning William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, but as to any other fugitives, particularly subjects Alvin Karpis

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and Harry Campbell. It is thought that Weaver may have purchased the filling station near Harbor Oaks, Florida in order to establish a point where contacts could be made for him through a person other than himself. It is also thought that White may be in communication with other fugitives, or during the period he was associated with Weaver may have been making contacts for Weaver with Karpis and Campbell. It is also thought that during his visit to Coffeyville, Kansas last spring he may have obtained information of value through contacts there as to Karpis and Campbell.

Please give this matter your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Kansas City

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

October 26, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with  
aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL  
with aliases, I.O. 1236 et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;  
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On July 6 and 7, 1935 Agent Brown conducted investigation  
at Belleville, Ontario and vicinity in an effort to locate subject Phoenix  
Donald alias William Weaver and other aliases.

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It is suggested that the Bureau submit to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a letter thanking him for his kind cooperation and assistance to  
Agent Brown, and advising that law enforcement agency of the apprehension  
of Phoenix Donald and Myrtle Eaton at Allendale, Florida on August 31, 1935.

Very truly yours,

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*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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November 7, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 612,  
Chicago, Illinois.

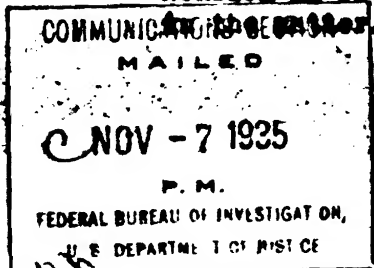
Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1218, et al,  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

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Reference is made to a letter dated October 26,  
1935, from the Chicago Office, in which it is suggested  
that the Bureau submit a cordial letter to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] expressing the Bureau's appreciation for the assist-  
ance which he rendered Special Agent R. D. Brown on July 6  
and 7, 1935, when efforts were being made at Belleville,  
Ontario, Canada to locate William Weaver. The Bureau has  
directed such a letter to [REDACTED] a copy of  
which is enclosed herewith.

The Bureau desires, however, at this time to call  
to your attention the fact that this matter should have  
been called to its attention at a much earlier date. The  
Bureau should have been advised thereof immediately after  
the apprehension of William Weaver, so that no embarrassment  
would result to the Bureau in consequence of its failure to  
notify the proper Canadian authorities of Weaver's appre-  
hension in order that they could discontinue investigation



Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director.

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**November 7, 1935**

**DEAR**

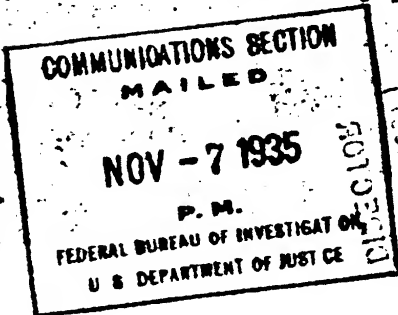
My attention has been directed to the splendid cooperation which was tendered by you to Special Agent Brown. I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the consideration shown him and to commend you and your department for your continued investigation after the departure of Agent Brown.

For your information, William Weaver was recently apprehended by representatives of this Bureau in the vicinity of Allandale, Florida, and has been removed to St. Paul, Minnesota, where it is anticipated he will be prosecuted, together with several conspirators, during the month of January, 1936.

Assuring you of my desire to cooperate with you in all matters of mutual interest, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Nathan **the**  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk **in a**  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
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Mr. Schilder .....  
Mr. Tamm **the**



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Edna Murray was recently interviewed at the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, at which time she furnished the following interesting information.

She stated that a few days after May 24, 1934 she was visited at the Casino Club in Toledo, Ohio by Dr. Moran, Fred Barker and Slim Gibson; that Moran was doing a considerable amount of drinking; that at this time Moran suggested the possibility of operating upon the fingertips of Bill Weaver, it being noted that Weaver had previously been reluctant to have his fingerprints changed by Dr. Moran; that Moran asserted Weaver was yellow; that at this time Moran became unduly loud; that Fred Barker cautioned him to quiet down and stop drinking; that Moran continued to drink, whereupon Fred Barker told him that he, Moran, was nothing but a drunkard and that the gang was sorry they had had anything to do with him. Dr. Moran then became boisterous and remarked - "What are you trying to do bawl me out. You fellows got me in this trouble and now I got all of you in the palm of my hand"; then Fred Barker winked at Edna Murray and Slim and put his arms around Moran's shoulders and said - "Never mind, Doc, you are a little tight - what you need is a boat ride"; that Dr. Moran accompanied by Fred and Slim left the Casino Club and Edna Murray observed them drive away in Fred Barker's Ford sedan. She never saw Moran after that.

Edna Murray stated that a few days later she talked to Doc Barker, at which time he was having trouble with an infection in his face, as a result of facial operations and remarks were made concerning the poor work Dr. Moran had done, at which time Doc Barker made the remark that he, Dr. Moran, would not do any more cutting up, that the "fishes" had him. Edna Murray stated that a few days after that she visited with Fred Barker; that they talked about her needed operation upon her breasts, at which time they discussed Dr. Moran, whereupon Fred Barker remarked "He is not cutting up any more people". She also stated that during the course of the Bremer trial in St. Paul, there were conversations between Doc Barker and his lawyer, DeCoursey, with regard to the death of Dr. Moran. She stated that

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the operations upon the faces of the members of the gang had not been a success and that she had often heard members of the gang suggest disposing of Dr. Moran. Elmer Farmer was likewise interviewed on the same subject and stated that while he and Doc Barker were on trial in St. Paul, Doc Barker on one occasion mentioned, when Dr. Moran's name came up, that Willie Harrison and Dr. Moran were two persons who would never take the stand against them.

With regard to the death of John Hamilton, Edna Murray furnished the following interesting information. She stated that on April 24, 1934, while living in Aurora, Illinois, Volney Davis told her to go over and live with Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton for a few days; that on April 25, 1934, Volney came to see her at Weaver's place and informed her that he was very busy at the house and that it was possible she would have to remain away for several days; that on the morning of April 27, 1934, Davis picked her up at Weaver's place and enroute to her apartment told her that John Hamilton had been brought there and that he was more or less forced upon him, Volney Davis, by Elmer Farmer; that Hamilton died the night before and was buried in an empty lot a few miles from Aurora, Illinois; that Hamilton had been wounded in a running gun battle with the police at South St. Paul and that the boys could not secure any medical aid for him; that they attempted to get Dr. Moran to give him medical treatment but were unable to locate Moran; that Hamilton was in such bad condition after he was brought to Aurora that there appeared to be no further hope for him and for this reason, they discontinued their efforts to secure a doctor.

Volney told Edna that upon Farmer's request, he proceeded to the Sea Food Inn on the night of April 24, 1934 and there met Dillinger, Van Meter, Doc Barker, Harry Campbell and Elmer Farmer; that Hamilton was lying on the back seat of Elmer Farmer's car, which was parked in the rear yard of the tavern; that they transferred Hamilton from Farmer's automobile into his, Davis', Buick sedan and that he, Davis, together with Dillinger and Van Meter, brought Hamilton to Aurora, where he died on the night of April 26, 1934. Edna Murray stated that she found her apartment extremely untidy, there being blood stains on the bed clothing which was strewn about the room and that she found a spade and shovel, together with more soiled clothing, in the bedroom closet. She stated that when she returned to the apartment on Friday morning, April 27, 1934, John Dillinger and Homer Van Meter were there, as were Doc Barker, Harry Campbell and Volney Davis. Dillinger and Van Meter remained with Davis and Murray until the morning of April 29, 1934, when Davis proceeded to Chicago and obtained a "hot" car from Elmer Farmer and turned it over to Dillinger and Van Meter, in order that they could make a getaway. On several occasions Mr. Burkel, the owner of the Davis apartment, made efforts to secure entrance therein, but was at all times denied.

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Edna Murray stated that during these few days it was frequently discussed that Louis Cernocky, of Fox River Grove, Illinois, possibly informed the police of the Dillinger gang's presence at Little Bohemia; that they also believed Cernocky put Frank Nash on the spot at Hot Springs, Arkansas, as he knew of Nash's whereabouts - in fact, according to Edna Murray, Cernocky knew of Frank Nash's exact whereabouts at all times and that they were very friendly.

Respectfully,

  
K.R. McIntire

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

October 25th, 1935

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Ford Deluxe Coupe,  
Motor #68450; Seized # 683450  
from Harry Campbell

Dear Sir:

Referring to Bureau letter dated October 14th, 1935,  
relative to delivering the above described car to the Sheriff  
of the County in which it was seized in Ohio, to be disposed  
of in accordance with provisions of the statutes in this District,  
please be advised that on October 24th, 1935, the said car was  
turned over to Sheriff John M. Sulzmann of Cuyahoga County,  
Cleveland, Ohio, and a receipt was secured therefor, signed by  
Mr. I. J. Whelan, Deputy, a copy of which is attached hereto.

This car was seized at 7009 Franklin Boulevard, Cleveland  
Ohio, on September 11th, 1934, the same having been abandoned by  
Harry Campbell, a fugitive in the Brekid case.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

RE: Press Inquiry Concerning  
an Agent Named LaFree.

Mr. Suydam telephoned and stated that the Associated Press had inquired if the Bureau has an Agent by the name of LaFree and if so if he is assigned to the St. Paul office. I informed Mr. Suydam that the Bureau did not have an Agent by that name.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

*Edmond H. Brennan*  
*Plm*

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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

October 28, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with  
aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL  
with aliases, I.O. 1236 et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated September 19,  
1935 to your office, requesting that certain persons mentioned therein  
located in Chicago be interviewed.

Please be advised that John Gustafson and Ray Johnson,  
janitors, Tower Court Apartments, 6708 Constance Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
were again interviewed by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, and shown more  
recent photographs of Harry Sawyer, William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton.  
Neither Gustafson nor Johnson was able to identify these persons as  
having resided or visited at the apartment rented by Paula Harmon under  
the name of Bradford, early in 1934. The photograph of Paula Harmon  
was the only picture which could be identified by Gustafson and Johnson,  
and at this time they were unable to identify photograph of George Goetz  
as one of the persons living in the apartment rented by Paula Harmon.

George Cahill who likewise had been previously interview-  
ed and who formerly was manager of the Tower Court Apartments died recent-  
ly.

Very truly yours, RECORDED  
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PHONE. BREKID. AUTHORITY REQUESTED TAP TELEPHONE JOHN KAPAVICZ, 2842 NORTH FRANCISCO AVENUE, FATHER OF SUBJECT, ALSO PAYMENT \$10.00 PER WEEK FOR ROOM RENTAL HOME OF ARTHUR E. BARTEL, 2839 N. RICHMOND AVENUE, TO BE USED AS SURVEILLANCE POINT KAPAVICZ APARTMENT AND TELEPHONE TAP RECEIVER POINT; ALSO EXPENDITURE OF \$10.00 PER WEEK FOR ROOM RENTAL HOME OF PAUL KOEHLER, 2846 NORTH FRANCISCO AVENUE, LOCATED IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO KAPAVICZ APARTMENT. TWO PLANTS NECESSARY DUE TO UNUSUAL LOCATION KAPAVICZ APARTMENT. PLEASE ADVISE WHEN CHICAGO OFFICE CAN EXPECT DELIVERY SECOND BRIEF CASE RADIO SET, SAME CAN BE USED TO ADVANTAGE ABOVE SURVEILLANCE. SHOULD EARLY DELIVERY BE IMPOSSIBLE FURTHER EXPENDITURE WILL BE NECESSARY TO CHANGE KOEHLER TELEPHONE FROM PARTY TO UNLIMITED LINE. FURTHER RECENT EXPENDITURES BY KAPAVICZ FAMILY INDICATE THEY ARE IN TOUCH WITH SUBJECT.

KATE MEADE LEFT HOME, 1533 FARGO AVENUE, OCTOBER 11, DESTINATION UNKNOWN. COOPERATION HER RENTAL AGENT BEING SOLICITED. ALSO REQUEST AUTHORITY PAY INFORMANT \$10.00 PER WEEK FOUR WEEKS.

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Transmit the following message to: SAC - CHICAGO.

BREKID AUTHORITY GRANTED MAKE EXPENDITURES OUTLINED YOUR TELETYPE TODAY  
FOR SURVEILLANCE JOHN KARPAVICZ AND PAYMENT TO INFORMANT [REDACTED]  
BRIEF CASE RADIO WILL BE DELIVERED ABOUT TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY.

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Post Office Box 812  
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Special Agent in Charge  
Kansas City, Missouri

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference to report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, Kansas City, Missouri, dated September 28, 1935, reflects that Jim Frost of Paducah, Kansas has advised that Ray Larson and Raymond Peil are presently incarcerated in the Missouri penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri and in the Kansas State penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas respectively. A previous request has been made that these two individuals be located and interviewed for all information in their possession of value in locating Karpis and Campbell.

It is desired that immediate interviews be had with Larson and Peil.

Very truly yours,

R. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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October 28, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fugitive -  
I. O. #1218, et al; Edward George Bremer -  
Victim. Kidnaping.

At approximately 11:15 P.M., on October 26, 1935, while at my home, I received a telephone call from Mr. Fagan of the Director's office, stating that the Bureau had received a telegram from L. J. Eldridge and J. E. Ulrich of Cheyenne, Wyoming, the telegram being quoted as follows:

"Think A. Karpis in jail here. Were first notify authorities. U. S. Marshal says man not Karpis but have reason believe he is. Please acknowledge wire immediately and treat this strictly confidential. Mention no names to anyone. Answers description. Answer via Western Union. Not an employee."

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At 11:35 P.M. on the night of October 26, 1935, I telephonically communicated with Special Agent in Charge Guinane of the Denver office, furnishing him with the above information and requesting an appropriate investigation be made immediately in Cheyenne, Wyoming. He advised me he would call me on the following morning, October 27, 1935.

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At 3:20 P.M. on October 27, 1935, Mr. E. P. Guinane, Special Agent in Charge of the Denver office, who was then in Cheyenne, Wyoming, telephonically advised me that he had located J. E. Ulrich and had learned that Ulrich had seen a photograph of Karpis in a magazine; that he observed a man in a transient station in Cheyenne whom he believed to be identical with Alvin Karpis; that he got in touch with the U. S. Marshal at Cheyenne; that the U. S. Marshal made efforts to locate this individual and while standing in the U. S. Post Office of Cheyenne, Wyoming, this individual walked up to the U. S. Marshal and said something as follows: "I guess you are looking for me. I am a parole violator out of Chicago." Mr. Guinane advised that this individual was taken into custody and is presently confined in the county jail at Cheyenne, Wyoming. Mr. Guinane interviewed him, learning that he is David Alexander Ritchie; that he was sentenced in

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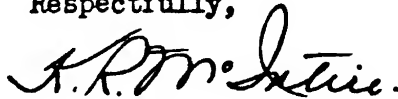
Chicago, Illinois by Federal Judge Woodward on March 10, 1933, to serve three years in Leavenworth Penitentiary on a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act charge. According to Ritchie, he was released from the penitentiary on July 2, 1935, being paroled therefrom, that he was to report each month, but that he has not reported since September, 1935, for which reason he believes himself to be a parole violator. Mr. Guinane furnished the following fingerprint classification:

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Mr. Guinane advised that the fingerprints were sent to the Bureau on Sunday, October 27, 1935, by the Sheriff's Office at Cheyenne, Wyoming, under the Sheriff's Number CP-849.

Mr. Guinane requested me to learn through the Bureau of Prisons whether Ritchie is wanted as a parole violator, and requested me to telegraphically advise him and the Sheriff's Office at Cheyenne. He stated that they would experience no difficulty in holding this individual until such information is obtained. Supervisor Weeks has now communicated with the Parole Board, and is informed that as soon as authority is granted, a warrant will be issued. Accordingly, the Denver office and the Sheriff at Cheyenne, Wyoming will be advised properly today.

Respectfully,



K. R. McIntire.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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October 28, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM *3/16/62*

Re: <sup>O</sup> Alvin Karpis with aliases -  
Fugitive; I. O. #1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim;  
Kidnaping.

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Mr. Kleinkauf, of the Director's office, called me at 9:30 P.M. on October 25, 1935, stating that the United Press had advised the Director's office that the police of three states had been converging on Miami, Oklahoma, that Karpis had been wounded in a gun battle, had escaped, had been treated by a doctor, and had been identified through such treatment and had been captured.

At 9:50 P.M., October 25, 1935, I telephonically communicated with Dwight Brantley, Agent in Charge at Oklahoma City. He advised that he had heard nothing, but would get in touch with the United Press and call me back.

At 10:20 P.M., October 25, 1935, Mr. Brantley called me back, stating that he had got in touch with Sam Hare, United Press correspondent at Oklahoma City; that Hare got the story at Miami and figured it was a "washout" so he didn't mention it to Brantley, but he did give it to his Division Point at Kansas City, Missouri, and they evidently shot it all over the country.

Mr. Brantley advised he called the deputy sheriff at Miami, Oklahoma, in the absence of the sheriff, and he advised that on October 24, 1935 one Williams of Oklahoma City was on his way to Springfield, Missouri, when he saw three men driving a green Ford automobile near Chelsea, between Tulsa and Miami, Oklahoma; that these persons were driving about 70 miles an hour, and that he thought one of them was Karpis. Mr. Brantley also learned that on October 25, 1935 three men in a Chrysler stopped at a filling station near Miami, Oklahoma. One of them was wounded in the shoulder, according to the woman attendant at the filling station. She called upon the police and they traced this man to a Dr. DeTarr of Miami, Oklahoma. These men had no connection with Karpis.

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Mr. Brantley also learned that on the night of October 24, 1935, a shooting took place at Joplin, Missouri, when several men tried

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Memo for Mr. Tamm

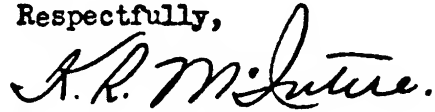
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to burn a night club. It was thought that the man seen at the filling station, who was wounded, was shot during the fracas at Joplin. Mr. Brantley advised that he is sending Agent Paul Hanson from Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Miami, Oklahoma to investigate this matter, and further stated that if anything good arises out of this he, Brantley, will call the Bureau immediately; otherwise he will not call but the matter will be reported in due course.

There is attached hereto a copy of a clipping taken from the Washington News dated October 26, 1935, which has reference to the above-entitled matter.

Respectfully,



K. R. McIntire.

Inclosure.

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FUGITIVE KARPIS REPORTED HIDING  
IN SOUTHWEST AREA

By United Press

MIAMI, Okla. - Reports persisted today that Alvin Karpis, fugitive from justice, was frequenting the tri-states area.

Authorities said a "reliable man" familiar with Karpis' appearance told them he saw the criminal in an automobile near Chelsea. Subsequently police were advised in an anonymous telephone call that Karpis had been seen at a filling station here. The caller said the suspect telephoned to a doctor, said he had been shot, and wanted treatment for an injured shoulder.

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## Fugitive Karpis Reported Hiding in Southwest Area

By United Press

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PHONE. BREKID. TAP INSTALLED TELEPHONE JOHN KARAVICZ 12-30PM TODAY.

SURVEILLANCE OF KARAVICZ APARTMENT BEING KEPT 24 HOURS PER DAY FROM BARTEL AND KOHLER RESIDENCES. NO FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AS TO [REDACTED] BETTY TRACY FORMER GIRL FRIEND DOCTOR MORAN ADVISED POSITIVELY THIS AFTERNOON SHE HAS NOT HEARD FROM MORAN SINCE HIS FLIGHT FROM CHICAGO LATE IN APRIL OF LAST YEAR WHEN HE CALLED HER ADVISING HE WAS GOING TO VISIT HIS SISTER IN SPRING VALLEY, ILLINOIS FOR A FEW DAYS. THIS SISTER BEING MORAN'S FAVORITE SISTER, MRS. KATE LAUER WHO HAS A SON NAMED JOHN - AND THAT JOHN LAUER MADE A TRIP TO CHICAGO FROM SPRING VALLEY IN MAY OF THIS YEAR, AT THE REQUEST OF HIS MOTHER, TO ASK BETTY TRACY IF SHE HAD HEARD FROM "JOE", MEANING DOCTOR MORAN.

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F. J. HICKEY  
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DEPARTMENT OF POLICE  
LINDEN, N. J.



TELEPHONES:  
POLICE HEADQUARTERS 2-3200  
CHIEF'S PHONE LINDEN 2-3201

October 26, 1935.

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Information has come to my knowledge  
that Alvin Karpis, wanted by your department,  
had been seen, also had been stopping in this  
city. At the present time we have been unable  
to collect positive data concerning this  
information.

Will you kindly forward to me picture  
and prints of Alvin Karpis, and his associates  
who are at large, male and female, that we may  
give this our immediate attention, and any  
information that we may receive will be  
promptly communicated to you before any action  
is taken in this case.

Thanking you for past favors and  
assuring you of our continued co-operation,  
I am,

Yours very truly,

*F. J. Hickey*  
Chief of Police.

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November 6, 1935

Mr. Frank Rickey,  
Chief of Police,  
Linden, New Jersey.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1218; ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

My dear Chief:

I am in appreciative receipt of your letter of October 26, 1935, in which you advise that information has come into your possession that Alvin Karpis has been seen in Linden, New Jersey.

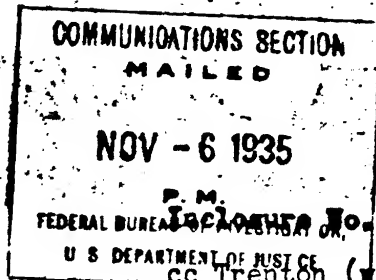
In keeping with your request, I am forwarding to you herewith photographs of and Identification Orders issued on Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell.

Please be advised that this matter is being brought to the attention of Mr. W. L. Listerman, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 827 Broad Street National Bank Building, Trenton, New Jersey, who it is anticipated will arrange to have an Agent interview you immediately.

Assuring you of my desire to cooperate with you in all matters of mutual interest, I am

Sincerely yours,

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



No. 283618

cc Trenton (with copies of incoming letter)  
Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago (with copy of incoming letter)  
St. Paul (with copy of incoming letter)  
Cincinnati (with copy of incoming letter)

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BUREAU OF FISHERIES

WASHINGTON

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Subject: #876128

Hon. John Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington

Dear Mr. Hoover:

*7-576-7837*  
Formal acknowledgment is hereby made of the  
return of the page from our public aquarium guest register, which  
was sent to your Bureau for scrutiny by your experts.

*Copy sent to Mr. Bell*  
We regret that this did not prove to be a more  
substantial clue. While we were of the opinion the signature was  
not genuine, we desired to remove all doubt and to be of every  
possible service to the effective work of your splendid organization.

Assuring you of our desire to cooperate at all times,

I am

Most sincerely yours,

*Frank Bell*  
Commissioner

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Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida  
October 28, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 818  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I.O. #1218; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING, etc.

Dear Sir:

As a result of the cover slip, the following letter  
was received at the Jacksonville Office:

Letter addressed to Mrs. William T. East, Sarasota,  
Fla., postmarked New Haven, Conn., Oct. 28, 1935,  
8 PM. Return address: Box 128, Port Allegany, Pa.

(2) Letter addressed to Mrs. Ma Pettis, Port Allegany,  
Pa., postmarked Port Allegany, Pa., Oct. 28, 1935,  
8 PM. Return address: Box 128, Port Allegany, Pa.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Bureau  
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Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida  
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Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 812  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I.O. #1218; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING, etc.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent F. F. Yearaley dated at Jacksonville, Florida, October 19, 1935, and to Bureau letter dated October 25, 1935, addressed to the Jacksonville Office in connection with the above captioned matter.

Please be advised that the Motor Vehicle Commissioner at Tallahassee, Florida, has informed that Florida license number 203263 was issued to Mrs. E. A. Mead, 805 South Osprey Street, Sarasota, Florida, for Ford Tudor Sedan, motor number 18-927820. Duplicate title covering this car, Number 969303, was issued to Mrs. Lillian T. Mead, 10559 South Sesley Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and the Florida title taken up by the State of Illinois on September 30, 1935.

The above information is submitted inasmuch as the Sesley Street address in all probability is the address of the husband of Mrs. E. A. Mead, it being possible that he may be identical with William Elmer Meade.

Very truly yours,

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 812  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Very truly yours,

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E. A. Mead Special Agent in Charge	
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U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box #766  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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October 26, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, et al,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, -VICTIM  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated October 24, 1935, Bureau file 7-576 in the above entitled case, requesting that there be forwarded to the Bureau a negative of a photograph mentioned in the report of Special Agent Edward Scheidt dated at Charlotte, North Carolina October 16, 1935.

Please be advised that the negative in question was forwarded to the Chicago Office with letter from the Cincinnati Office under date of October 23, 1935, having been requested by the Chicago Office, in order that suitable enlargements might be made.

Very truly yours,

*E. J. Connelley*  
E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Chicago  
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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
OCTOBER 28, 1935.

Mr. F. G. Zerbst, Warden,  
United States Penitentiary,  
Leavenworth, Kansas.

ATTENTION: Mr. E. E. Eckholdt.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of the following letters you  
have forwarded to this office relative to the mail of Elmer  
Farmer, your number 47103:

Your letter dated October 21, 1935, enclosing  
a copy of letter from Blanche Brabant dated  
October 17, 1935, to Farmer, and copy of letter  
from Helen Conliff to Farmer dated October 17,  
1935;

Your letter dated October 22, 1935, enclosing  
copy of letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer  
Farmer, postmarked Chicago, Illinois, October  
21, 1935;

Your letter dated October 23, 1935, enclosing  
copies of letters to Blanche Brabant and Helen  
Conliff, from Elmer Farmer, both dated October  
21, 1935.

Please accept my thanks for your co-operation.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Foxworth	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Joseph	
Mr. Keith	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

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DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION US DEPT OF JUSTICE

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE AT 9TH ST NW WASHN DC

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TOLSON	✓
OH. OLD	✓
TAMM	✓
FOUR	✓

*Edw. J. Bremer*

UNLESS ADVISED CONTRARY LEAVING SEVEN AM [REDACTED] TOMORROW  
FOR CHEYENNE ON BREKID LEAD PER TELEPHONE CONVERSATION MR  
MCINTYRE PROBABLY RETURNING SAME NIGHT GRAY ACTING

GUIANANE.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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October 28, 1935.

Mr. Nathan ✓  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Baughman  
Chief Clerk  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Edwards  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Foxworth  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Joseph  
Mr. Keith  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Schilder  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases -  
Fugitive; I. O. #1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim;  
Kidnaping.

There have been no developments in this case in Toledo,  
Ohio, for the week ending October 26, 1935.

Efforts are also being made at this time by the Chicago  
office to "plant" the home of John Karpavicz, the father of Alvin  
Karpis. It has been ascertained by the Chicago office from time  
to time that Karpavicz has more money than it would appear a man  
earning from \$60.00 to \$80.00 a month should have, and it is be-  
lieved he is obtaining this money from Alvin Karpis. It has also  
been intimated that Karpis is very fond of his child, and informants  
have advised he will make a supreme effort to see his child. For  
these reasons the surveillance of the Karpavicz home is deemed  
appropriate.

Respectfully,

*K. R. McIntire*

K. R. McIntire.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

FILE NO. 7-63

REPORT MADE AT <b>WASHINGTON, D. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-29-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/19 to 28/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. E. NEWBY</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. #1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. #1232; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I. O. #1239; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p style="text-align: right;">RECEIVED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Rumor to the effect man impersonating a woman suspected of being identical with Subject Alvin Karpis apparently without foundation.</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated October 17, 1935.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT WASHINGTON, D. C.</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Agent interviewed Mr. Edward H. Walsh in the mailing section, Resettlement Division, Room 101, Administration Building, Department of Agriculture, on October 19, 1935. Mr. Walsh stated that he had reported the information to the Bureau relative to a man impersonating a woman about two weeks prior to agent's contact with him and in the meantime he had not obtained any additional information concerning the matter. He stated that the source of his information was Miss Irene Brozek, an employee of the Soil Conservation Section of the Department of Agriculture, who is a friend of the girl with whom he associates. Mr. Walsh stated that the suspect had previously resided in the apartment where Miss Brozek is now residing and that, according to the information which he received, the suspect frequently eats at the same place as does Miss Brozek. On the occasion of the visit of Mr. Walsh to the Bureau, he viewed a number of photographs and selected the photograph of Alvin Karpis as possibly resembling the suspect. He, at first,</p>			
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believed that the suspect was identical with Thomas H. Robinson but, after examining the photograph, had eliminated Robinson from consideration. Mr. Walsh promised to obtain the address of the rooming house where Miss Brozek resides and furnish the information to agent. He requested that Miss Brozek not be interviewed concerning this matter inasmuch as it would disclose the fact that he had reported the matter to the Bureau.

On October 21, 1935, Mr. Walsh communicated with Mr. K. R. McIntire of the Bureau and furnished the address of 2921 M Street, N. W., as the place where Miss Brozek had been residing. Agent ascertained that the address furnished by Mr. Walsh was that of a vacant lot.

Agent interviewed Miss V. C. Mohagen, Room 510, Standard Oil Building, Third and C Streets, N. W., in charge of the personnel records of the Soil Erosion and Conservation Section of the Department of Agriculture. According to the records, Miss Irene Dolores Brozek was appointed to that Bureau on July 13, 1935 at which time she was residing at 401-23rd Street, N. W., apartment 722. On or about September 15, 1935, Miss Brozek changed her residence to 1229-12th Street, N. W. Agent examined the letter boxes in the apartment at 1229-12th Street and found the name of Miss Brozek appearing on the letter box for apartment #1, together with the names of Mrs. J. K. MacLeod, Mrs. J. H. Pitman, D. R. Oxley, Genevieve Panther, Frances Cox. Agent interviewed Arthur R. Mahoney (colored), janitor, who advised that Mrs. MacLeod had been residing at that address for a number of years during which time she has had a number of roomers. He stated that approximately six weeks prior to agent's interview with him a Mrs. J. H. Pitman resided in apartment #1 and was moved from that address by Gabriel Digges of 5003 Ames Street, N. E.. Mahoney also indicated that Mrs. Pitman, by her acts, aroused his suspicions but he was of the opinion that Mrs. Pitman was not a man who was impersonating a woman.

Agent interviewed Gabriel Digges (colored) who stated that his associate, Hillery Wheeler (colored), 4929 Clay Street, N. W., had moved a party to another address from 1229-12th Street, N. W.

Hillery Wheeler was interviewed and advised that he moved a woman from 1229-12th Street, N. W., to 1401 Ingraham Street, N. W., on or about September 1, 1935.

Mrs. Helen M. Dyer, who conducts the rooming house at 1401 Ingraham Street, advised agent, after referring to her record book, that Mrs. J. H. Pitman took up her residence at that address on September 1, 1935. She described Mrs. Pitman as being a woman of refinement, about forty years of age, the widow of an Army officer, formerly of Nashville, Tennessee, who is now engaged under a Mr. King in the Corn-Hog Section of

The Department of Agriculture. Mrs. Dyer further advised that Mrs. Pitman frequently spends the evening with other residents in her rooming house and is convinced that there is nothing suspicious concerning the identity of Mrs. Pitman.

Agent interviewed Mrs. J. K. MacLeod, Room 6319, Interstate Commerce Commission. The information set forth in the Bureau letter of reference was related to Mrs. MacLeod but she was unable to reconcile the information with any occupants of the apartment where she resides. She stated that she had never heard of any rumor to the effect that a man, impersonating a woman, had been observed in the vicinity of 12th and M Streets, N. W.

It was deemed advisable to interview Miss Irene Brozek in spite of the request to the contrary made by the original informant, Mr. Edward Walsh, in this matter. Agent interviewed Miss Brozek in Room 223, Standard Oil Building, 3rd and C Streets, N. W., and, after relating the information set forth in the Bureau letter of reference to her, she was unable to reconcile the information with any information in her possession. She was advised that the information was reported to have emanated from her, to which she replied that possibly her friends had misinterpreted information furnished by her to the effect that suspicious persons had followed her from time to time on the streets in the vicinity of 12th and M Streets, N. W. It was noted that this section is of questionable character and it is not unusual for women to be followed in this vicinity. The source of the original information in this matter having been interviewed without developing any information to corroborate the original report, no further action is being taken in this district.

PENDING.



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

October 26, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH  
P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232;  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O.  
1236 et al - Edward George Bremer,  
Victim - KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF  
FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
NATIONAL FIREARMS Act.

There are enclosed herewith two photographs of ISABELLE  
BORN with aliases: Belle Born; Belle Anderson; Belle Murphy, and Mrs.  
C. J. Murphy, who is the paramour of Charles J. Fitzgerald with aliases,  
Fitzgerald being badly wanted for questioning in connection with the  
instant kidnaping case, and for information concerning his associations  
with the remaining fugitives in this case.

Two copies of this photograph, with description appearing  
on the back, are being furnished each field office in order that same may  
be available in the event it becomes necessary at a future date for any  
Bureau office to maintain a surveillance of this woman, or conduct other  
investigation with reference to her.

Very truly yours,

*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. LADD,

RDB:JMS

Special Agent in Charge.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
OCTOBER 28, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218, Et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to my letter dated September 16,  
1935, relative to the cover being maintained on the mail  
of Elmer Farmer, register No. 47103, U. S. Penitentiary,  
Leavenworth, Kansas, there are being transmitted herewith  
to the Bureau and each of the Field Offices designated  
below, copies of the following correspondence:

Letter from Helen Conliff to Farmer, postmarked  
Chicago, Illinois, October 17, 1935;

Letter from Blanche Brabant to Farmer, postmarked  
Elmhurst, Illinois, October 18, 1935;

Letter from Helen Conliff to Farmer, postmarked  
Chicago, Illinois, October 21, 1935;

Letter from Farmer to Blanche Brabant, Elmhurst,  
Illinois, dated October 21, 1935;

Letter from Farmer to Helen Conliff, Chicago,  
Illinois, dated October 21, 1935.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SLITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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cc-Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago.

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COPY.

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, #47103, postmarked Chicago, Ill.,  
October 17, 1935.

Thursday afternoon

Dearest Elmer:

I have been looking for a letter from you and I did not receive one. I have taken it for granted you are angry and I am sorry. I had hoped that you would understand and not blame me for the law suit, but, however, Fisher has withdrawn it, so you can rest assured Jim will not be annoyed again. How have you been getting along? I hope you are well and are working so that you can get out in the yard for a little while. I told you about the funeral I attended and I went to the cemetery Monday and it was quite large funeral. Sam was there with Senator Leonardi, Judge Allegretti, Judge Baraca, Judge Borrelli and numerous others. The mailman was just here and left your nice letter, there is not any use of me going into details about what you wanted or did not want. I think the beginning of my letter explains that the suit is over with so we can skip it. We have been having very nice weather here, its so nice and warm. Well, I am still looking for a job but just cannot find one and I guess I told you I had paid an employment agency to get me one but they do not seem to be able to help me very much either so from the looks of things I think I will try and get a job doing housework, however, I will let you know, just what I do. Pete Leinpeter is going to take Scottie for me if I can get a car to take him out there in. I just looked at your letter and you have dated it the 13th and it was not sent from there until the 16th, how come? Mary's brother is going to try and get me a job this week through a friend of his, I certainly hope he can help me. Nick is getting worse instead of better I guess there is not much we can do about it. The doctor was telling May he thought it was a cancer, thats really terrible to have a cancer of the throat.

Did I tell you that Jacobsons had taken Fox's Hotel in Bensenville? You remember they had Mrs. Curry's old place on Irving Pk. Blvd? I guess they have fixed it up very nice and so my mother is going to work out there for them at night I guess. She was out there to see Irene the other day and was talking to them so I guess she will be going to work soon. Well Elmer there is not much more to tell you about in the way of news, your letter was rather short and did not tell me much, but in closing may I again assure you I had absolutely nothing to do with that suit and I was subpoenaed into Court and I did not tell Fisher, Jim would pay him anything. Jim told him that himself when McLeekin was in Bensenville that time with Scott, but it seems silly for you and I to argue about it by mail. Jim did not pay him anything and neither did I, so it is all over and no one lost other than Fischer. So honey dont be so stingy with your next letter write a nice long one and I will be looking forward to hearing from you soon, dont wait so long to write to me next week, so forget whatever troubles you have both inside and out, because those out here are all cleared up. So will close with lots of love.

Helen Conliff.

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Letter to Elmer Farmer, #47103, from Blanche Brabant, postmarked Elmhurst,  
Ill. October 18, 1935.

Thursday, October 17, 1935.

Dear Elmer,

I received your letter yesterday afternoon and was very glad to hear from you.

Chub didn't have to go to Court anymore as they threw the case out, so thats ended. She says she had to go to Court, but thats not so, as she is the one that started the whole thing. I dont see why McLeeken writes her, he didn't even come to see you when you were in St. Paul this last time he seems a queer sort, but if there is anything you think he can do for you, I will write him, just let me know.

Chub wasn't held up at all, the restaurant was held up, the woman who works nights was there alone and a man with a handkerchief over his face came in and took (\$11.00) eleven dollars. It was about three in the morning, it wasn't Sat. night either as Chub was over the next morning and he never comes over on Sunday, he said she called Henry & he got up too, but the man was gone, the Interstate was held up too a short time ago. I didn't tell you about it because I don't think thats interesting news. I suppose their keeping her in school out there so they'll have some one to get the news from. I wouldn't write to her at all.

Just as soon as anything can be done in your case let me know and I'll take care of it.

I hope you can be out doors these nice days, its just like summer here. Gifford is located in Ben. again. I hope you get this letter Sat. I'll mail it from the post office tonight. Chub was over, he send best regards.

I'll say Goodbye for this time, much love from both of us.

Blanche Brabant.

COPY.

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103, to Blanche Brabant, 275 Geneva Ave., Elmhurst, Ill.

Leavenworth, Kansas Oct. 21, 1935.

Dear Blanche:

It has rained most all week down here, so I only got out two work one half day this last week. I suppose you had about the same kind of weather up there. I just received your letter tonight so you may not get this one untill the last of the week as it will be about Wensday when it leaves here. I should of had your letter Saturday but it was held up in the office and a note was put into it for you to sign full name and address other wise mail will not be delivered to me. I dont know why thay are doing that but suppose its some new ruilling so you will have to put your address on you letters after this or else I wont get them. I was out to work today and it was fine to be out so hope its nice all week and I may be out working all the time this week. I wish thay would give me some thing to work at that I would be out side every day I am going to see the warden about it pretty soon if I dont get some kind of work. I am here almost five months and nothing to do yet. so the case against Chub was thron out of court, thats fine. I didnt think thay could do anything to him as he had nothing to do with it from the start. I received a letter from her tonight telling me the case was threw out of court. she also said she was sulpomaid into court and had to go. but i know better but whats the use telling her. I dont think Mcleeken could do any thing for me now, but later on he can if he is still a lawyer up in St. Paul. I told you thay are trying to disbar him up there so if thay do that I dont think he could help me much then. so it wasnt Chub that was held up but the restraunt was about three in the morning. that looks like the work of some one pasing through town and needed money or some bum on the road. so Gifford is still working I see by the papers there is plenty of new business in his line, so that must keep him going all after more good thing he has Sundays off any way. there is a switchman here thay call him Sudds I dont know his right name but he worked at Bensenville with Chub and he said to say Hellow to him. he will be leaving here soon now and will be out to see Chub, he was down here five years. I am feeling fine and in good health get plenty of rest every day on days when I dont go out to work I read most of the time, I get three papers every day one morning and two night papers also other papers and books from here so that passes the time away fast. Best regards to you and Gifford.

Elmer Farmer.

COPY.

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103, to Helen Conliff, 4113 West End Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

Leavenworth, Kansas, Oct. 21, 1935.

Dear Helen:

Received your two letters this week one came today it was held up in the office since Saturday, but I got it tonight so from now on you will have to put your full name and address on each letter you send me or I wont get it. I dont see why my letter was so late coming to you last week but thay dont get mailed some time out of here the same day thay are sent to the office as there is so many letter to go out and thay all have to be read befor thay are sent. I was out working today and hope I get to go out all week its nice down here now after the rain. so the case was dropped, thats fine I dont want those lawyers to get any more money than thay have now as I cant see where thay did any thing that helped me McMeeken told me also Rench and Hoffman where with him that I would receive onley half the sentence Harold got if I would plead guilty and I did, but got just the same as he did. so I havent any feeling for any of them after that. all any of them want is your money and after that get that thay dont care what becomes of you. if Fisher wants any more money tell him to get it from McMeeken he got plenty and didnt do anything for me. Chub hasent got much money and and he has plenty of old bills to pay out of it. so it will take him some time to get paid up out there. then it will take money to have my case up in washington later on in a few years so he will have to get that together. I sure dont want to stay here with out trying to get out anyway and I hope I can get out befor my time is up. I will try and have my term cut so I can get out on parole in a few years, so I dont have to waite untill 1942. I will try and have Reid do some thing for me after Election is over for President. I think he can find some one that will do more for me than any one else as he knows me well and I did all I could for him when I could so I dont think he will for get that. any way thats the way I feel about it now, so if McMeeken dont do any thing for the money he got I wouldnt give him any more. later on I will write to him and find out. so your mother is going to work in Foxes old place, I remember those people that run it now. I dont see how those people will make that place go. I think the Hotel and reastrant buisness is about done in Bensenville to many place out there. Chub rents the restraunt out to some people for twenty five a month and always pay the rent. hope Nick is feeling better by now regards to him and Lay.

Elmer Farmer.

COPY

Letter to Elmer Farmer, #47103, from Helen Conliff, postmarked Chicago, Illinois, October 21, 1935.

Sunday afternoon.

Dearest Elmer:

I thought I would write your usual Sunday letter. How are you getting along? I hope everything is going along nicely and that you are outdoors working again. Everything is just about the same for me though I have an awful bad cold, that makes it nice for me. I am so hoarse and do not really feel so very good. I went over to see about a job on the north side Friday afternoon and the man promised to call me either today or tomorrow. I really think I will get it, at least I hope so. I would have complete charge of the fountain and would work all alone, that is no one would help me. I would like it quite well I think, but anyway I will let you know how I make out. If I do get it then I can save enough money to come and see you. I want to do that soon. I guess I told you I wrote to Mr. Sullivan in St. Paul and asked him if he would try and help me get a pass but as yet I have not heard from him, but I suppose it all takes time and he will write to me as soon as he gets it for me. While I was at that funeral I told you about, Lil was here to see me my aunt told me and she said she would call me that night and though I have looked for a letter or a call from her, have not heard from her at all. She still has her car, you know I told you like bought a new car last Spring.

I wonder how she can keep up the payments on it? Gosh, this has been a long day. Nick is asleep and so is May and its so quiet here. I suppose you are out in the yard today, at least I hope you are. How is Harold getting along? Has he got the teeth in yet? I was over to Martha's house for supper Thursday night and Les had to go to work so her and I went to the show.

She said to say "hello" to you and hopes you are getting along nicely. I guess I told you that woman Ed Miller from Bensenville went with lives in the same building with Martha. Well anyway she does and when we were going to the show, we met her in the hall and in the usual condition and we saw her too late to avoid talking to her and she cried all over us about Ed and cried about you too and asked all about you and said to say "hello", when I wrote to you. Nick is just about the same and honey, and you should see how thin he is, he looks very bad. He always asks for you and tells me to say "hello" and says to tell you he is going to write to you, but he never does and I really do not think he has energy enough to write, but if he ever feels better, I know he will.

Well, dearest, this is not a very newsy letter but I do not know much to tell you, but I did want to write to you, so perhaps the next time I will have more to say to you, so hoping to hear from you soon, will close with lots of love.

Helen Conliff.



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Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I.O. #1218 - at OCT 30 1935 A.M.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim;  
Kidnaping.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent John L. Madala dated at Chicago, Illinois, October 17, 1935 on page 26 of which it is noted that G. J. Fitzgerald is reported to own two farms in a county in Illinois of which Mendota is the County Seat.

It is requested that in keeping with the Bureau's efforts to locate Fitzgerald, in the belief that he may be able to lead Agents to Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, the Chicago Office immediately undertake a thorough investigation in an effort to locate the said farms of Fitzgerald. In this connection the records at the courthouse at Mendota, Illinois should be searched against all of the known names and aliases of G. J. Fitzgerald.

Your attention is directed to the criminal record of Fitzgerald which furnishes a large number of his aliases.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Cincinnati  
St. Paul

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Post Office Box 612  
Chicago Illinois

October 26, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Buffalo, New York

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232;  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1234;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1236; ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING & OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT. Chicago File 7-82.

On October 26, 1935, Mr. C. V. Reaveley, 2831 Ellis Avenue, telephone - Oakland 6249, Chicago, Illinois, called at the Chicago Bureau Office and stated that about four or five weeks ago, while at Crystal Beach, Ontario, which is located on Lake Erie across from Buffalo, New York, a body floated into the shore and was recovered by his brother, F. E. Reaveley, who is constable in the towns of Crystal Beach and Ridgeway, Ontario. Mr. Reaveley said he did not view this body, but that his brother informed him that doctors, who viewed it, claimed it had been in the water for over a year. He said the body was in a very bad shape; that the feet were missing; that very little clothing was on it, and that a dentist of Ridgeway, Ontario, whom he believes to be a Dr. Teal, made a complete record of the teeth of this person, and it was Mr. Reaveley's understanding that the mouth contained considerable dental work. Mr. Reaveley stated further that his brother, F. E. Reaveley, can be reached on any morning at Ridgeway, and during any afternoon at Crystal Beach, Ontario. He suggested that his brother could furnish complete information concerning the recovery of this body, which was interred in the Ridgeway cemetery.

This information was furnished the Chicago Bureau Office by Mr. Reaveley in view of the recent newspaper articles as to Dr. Joseph P. Moran having been killed and his body disposed of in Lake Erie. He said he thought there was a possibility that the body found at Ridgeway might be that of Dr. Moran.

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It is requested that appropriate investigation be conducted immediately through Constable F. E. Reaveley of Ridgeway and Crystal Beach, Ontario, for the purpose of determining if the unknown body recovered in that vicinity is that of Dr. Joseph P. Moran.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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CC: Bureau  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Cleveland

Room 1403,  
370 Lexington Avenue,  
New York City, N.Y.

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October 29, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS w. aliases, FUGITIVE;  
I.O. #1218; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives;  
Obstruction of Justice;  
National Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of copy of teletype message from your office addressed to the Director, dated October 21, 1935, in which you desire information as to whether or not Fred P. Farrell alias Fred Flower, and Fred Gondorf alias Fred Graham alias Fred Gondolf, are fugitives and are wanted.

Postoffice Inspector Herbert Graham, who was originally contacted in this case by Special Agent William J. McNulty of the New York Office, is out of town at the present time and will not return until Monday, November 4, 1935. Since the facts in this case pertaining to these two men have been discussed with Inspector Graham and he is familiar with the details, it is not thought that the information should be secured other than from him as to whether or not these men are wanted by the Postoffice Department in New York.

If the Boston Office has not already received information from the Bureau as to whether Farrell and Gondorf are wanted as fugitives, and still desires this information from the New York Office, Inspector Graham will be contacted upon his return to New York and this matter will be discussed with him, at which time further information will also be secured from Inspector Graham as to whether or not George Kennedy and Jay E. Hayes are wanted for any postal violations. Please advise if this information is desired.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Bureau  
Mr. Connelley (Chicago)  
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Washington Field Office, Room 5252,  
Washington, D. C.

October 30, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS WITH ALIASES, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. #1218, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
VICTIM. KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS  
ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Edward  
Seheidt dated at Charlotte, North Carolina October 16, 1935 and to  
copy of letter from Special Agent in Charge, E. J. Connelley, dated  
at Cincinnati, Ohio, October 26, 1935, addressed to the Director,  
in which it is stated that a negative of a photograph mentioned in  
the report of Special Agent Seheidt was forwarded to the Chicago  
Office.

This Office desires that a copy of the photograph re-  
ferred to be transmitted at the earliest opportunity so that it may  
be used in a contemplated interview with informant [REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

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J. W. KEITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION US DEPT OF JUSTICE  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,  
I. O. #1219, et al.;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Confirming Bureau teletype message of  
October 21, 1935, regarding FRED P. FARRELL and  
FRED GONDORF, I am transmitting herewith the  
criminal records of Fred P. Flowers, Bureau Office,  
Boston, Massachusetts, and Frank Grant, alias  
Fred Gondorf, our file #FBI-62849, as reflected  
by the fingerprint files of the Federal Bureau  
of Investigation.

Please be advised that our files do not  
reflect the above individuals to be wanted.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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CC-Bureau Office, Cincinnati, Ohio,  
Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois.

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The following is an abstract of the fingerprint record of one  
Fred P. Flowers, with alias, on file in the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT <b>KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-28-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-22-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>V. I. PARRY</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, et al Edward George Bremer - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Elsie Bennett admits having previous contacts with "Blackie" Doyle, Otto Jackson and R. T. Cawthon, all subjects in Bureau cases; denies any knowledge of Bremer subjects; states Frank Thompson can furnish information regarding above.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
<p>REFERENCE:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Letter from the Bureau, dated 10-15-35 (7-576). Letter from the Chicago Bureau office, dated 10-6-35.</p>			
<p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Inasmuch as reference letter from the Bureau requested investigation of Elsie Bennett under the title of the Bremer case, the interview with her is being reported in whole in this report and the information furnished by her relative to other subjects is also being reported in their respective files.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">With reference to the letter from the Chicago Bureau office relating information furnished by telephone by one Hopper, it should also be noted that on 9-28-35 Special Agent in Charge W. A. Smith received an anonymous telephone call from an individual who stated that if the Bureau was interested in apprehending Subject Cawthon in the case entitled Robert Terrell Cawthon, with</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED  <i>W. A. Smith</i>		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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aliases - Fugitive, Impersonation, one George Plummer, located in a certain neighborhood in Kansas City should be interviewed.

Plummer was eventually located and furnished information which resulted in the fact that Cawthon had been living in Kansas City, but had left on 10-3-35. During this interview Plummer happened to mention the name Elsie Bennett, alias Elsie Mercedes, and when questioned by the writer he stated that this girl had formerly been traveling with one Frank V. Thompson, who had recently been arrested at Hannibal, Missouri, presumably on a kidnaping charge. Plummer also stated that Thompson had recently been under arrest at St. Joseph, Missouri, as a result of a deal over some eye glasses, it being noted that Plummer, Cawthon and Thompson are all in the business of furnishing eye glasses although they are not registered optometrists. As a result of this interview it was rather apparent that Cawthon and Thompson are one and the same and a letter was directed to the Chicago office in the case entitled Mrs. George Chase, with aliases, Fugitive, et al, August Luer - Victim, Kidnaping, and also in the Cawthon case, requesting that Thompson be interviewed at Elgin, Illinois, at an address furnished by Plummer. The above letter was sent under the title of the above cases inasmuch as the investigation supposed to be furnished by Thompson was with reference to subjects in the above cases.

Elsie Bennett was interviewed at the Oakley Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, by Special Agent D. M. Brightman and the writer and stated that in the spring of this year she was employed as a hostess at St. Killian's tavern located at 3407 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, and while there and in the capacity of hostess she became quite well acquainted with Otto Jackson. Jackson is presently under indictment for the robbery of the First National Bank of Fort Smith, Arkansas, and is confined in the County Jail at Fort Smith. She also danced and had drinks with "Spike" Lane and immediately identified the photograph of "Blackie" Doyle as the party she met in the tavern and knew as "Little Charlie". It might also be noted that this tavern is the place from which "Spike" Lane was coming at the time he was arrested by Bureau Agents and charged with harboring Volney Davis, which charge was later dismissed. She further stated that at one time Otto Jackson came into this tavern with another man and two girls and that later she was looking through a detective magazine and recognized the picture of Thomas H. Robinson, subject in the Stoll kidnaping case, as being this party with Jackson. Upon being shown a photograph of Robinson at this time she firmly reiterated that the man she saw was Robinson. She is of the belief that she can recall the names or some facts concerning the girls that were in this party and arrangements have been made with her to secure this information.

Likewise a report is being dictated in the Stoll kidnaping case setting out a lead for the Little Rock office to interview Jackson regarding the above at Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Elsie Bennett denies any connection with the above mentioned subjects other than that of meeting them in this tavern and could furnish no further information concerning their present location.

Regarding Frank V. Thompson she stated that she had met him about March, 1935, and had gone with him on the road driving his car and making contacts with persons for Thompson to furnish with eye glasses. She had become disgusted with Thompson and had him arrested in Hannibal, Missouri, in July, 1935, and had herself been held as a material witness. She had then returned to Kansas City and about two months ago Thompson had appeared at Kansas City and registered at the Oakley Hotel as G. L. Bennett, the name of her former husband. He had endeavored to have her come back with him and when she refused had accused her of having dates with "Spike" Lane, Clarence Sparger and Johnnie Langdon and had threatened to tell the "G-men" about her. She claimed that Thompson had gone about town displaying her photograph to various people and claiming he was a Department of Justice Agent in order to locate where she was staying. Elsie Bennett denied ever having seen Langdon and Sparger and could not identify their pictures. Although she admitted knowing Lane, Doyle and Jackson, as mentioned before. She stated that Thompson talked as if he knew all of the above quite well and she believed that he might be able to furnish definite information concerning them inasmuch as he knew too much about them for anyone not having contact with them.

It was during her association with Thompson that she met Robert Terrell Cawthon a number of times, but she was unable to furnish any other information concerning him except that Thompson and Plummer often referred to him and called him "Bob". She is also certain that Thompson can furnish information as to his present whereabouts, he having told her a short time ago that Cawthon was in jail in Kentucky, which information is, in lieu of the investigation made, probably erroneous. She also believes that if Thompson can be reached and interviewed, particularly after he has had a few drinks, he will tell all he knows concerning the above mentioned people. She furnished the information that Thompson had written her two days before the interview on 10-22-35 from Rock Island, Illinois, the letter having been written on Harper House stationery and stating that he would call for an answer at the General Delivery. With this letter he had sent her money to rejoin him but she stated she had kept the money because she felt it was due her, but had no intention of returning to Thompson. She denied any knowledge of the

subjects in the Bremer case and when their names were mentioned she could only recall them through having seen newspaper articles concerning them.

Arrangements have been made to have Elsie Bennett notify this office when she receives further word from Thompson.

It is also planned to further develop her for an informant for this office, inasmuch as she appears willing to furnish any information which she has. She is presently working at Beebee's Lunch, 301 Grand Avenue, telephone Harrison 9201, Kansas City, Missouri.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Record of Telephone Call or Visitor

October 25, 1935.

Time 7:52 P. M.

Name Representative of United

Press tele.

Referred to

Details:

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Edwards .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
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Mr. Lester .....  
Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. Schilder .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....

Stated that United Press had received a story that Karpis had been discovered in the vicinity of Miami, Oklahoma; that police officers of three states were converging in that vicinity to apprehend him; that Karpis is supposedly wounded as the result of a recent clash with the law and had contacted a Miami doctor for treatment; that Karpis is also believed involved in the threatened kidnaping of a seven-year old boy in that vicinity. I stated that the Director was out and I could make no comment. The caller also stated that he had been unable to get in touch with Mr. Suydam and that Colonel Gates had informed him that he knew nothing about it and had not seen Director since this afternoon.

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A.S. The above information was given to Mr. Tamm who arranged for Mr. McIntyre to telephone Mr. Brantley at Oklahoma City. OCT 30 1935. Mr. Brantley advised that Mr. Brantley stated that the individual in question was definitely not Karpis.  
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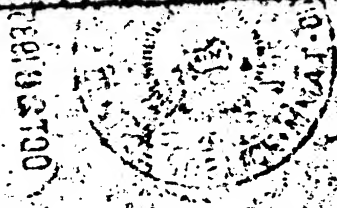
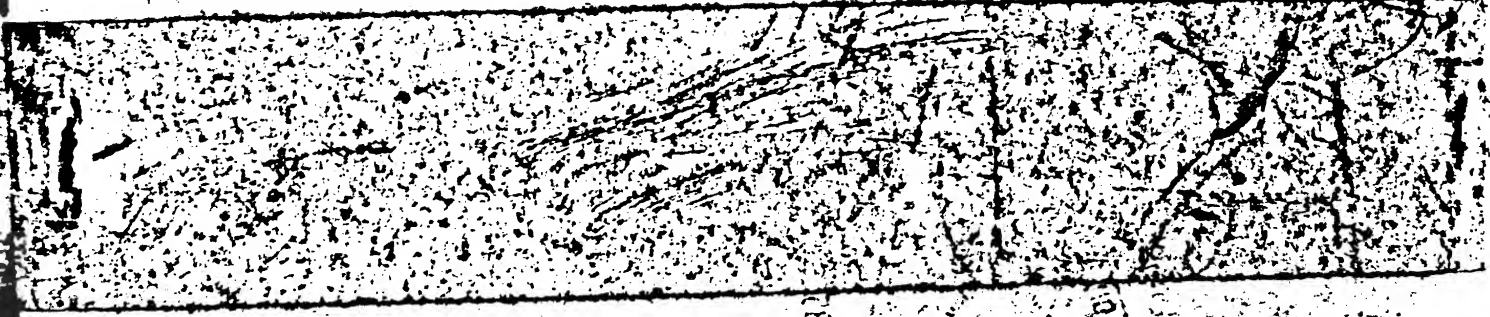




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Mr. Glavin ✓  
Mr. Ladd ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to my letter of  
October 12, 1935 indicating that Judge Matthew Joyce,  
St. Paul, Minnesota, had the motion of Oliver Berg's  
attorney for a commutation of sentence under advisement.

On October 25, 1935 Assistant  
United States Attorney George A. Heisey stated that Judge  
Joyce informed him on the morning of that date that he  
intended to deny that motion.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen  
e.s.

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago

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P. O. Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Ok.  
October 23, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim,  
Kidnaping, Harboring, Obstruction  
of Justice, National Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

75582

Reference is made to report of Special Agent A. G.  
Berens, dated at Washington, D. C., 10/21/35, concerning the  
above captioned case.

Attached hereto is a photograph of G. W. Hart,  
Oklahoma State Penitentiary #C570, who is identical with  
Gus Hart alias George Hart alias George Gilbreath. G. W.  
Hart was received at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on  
November 15, 1915, from Rogers County, Oklahoma, charge  
burglary, to serve a sentence of three years. He was dis-  
charged from that institution on September 22, 1917.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Enc.  
cc Bureau  
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Mr. Connelley, Chicago  
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Omaha  
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P. O. Box 536  
Los Angeles, California  
October 26, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Phoenix, Arizona

75573

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your communication of October 19,  
1935, said communication referring to Bureau letter dated October 4,  
1935, which sets forth certain undeveloped leads in the instant matter.

With reference to undeveloped lead set out in report  
of Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin dated at Salt Lake City, Utah, March  
8, 1935, said lead being at Flagstaff, Arizona, now in the territory  
covered by the Phoenix office, please be advised that a review of the  
file reflects that this lead has not been covered and for your guidance  
in the matter there is attached hereto a copy of this report.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNN  
Special Agent in Charge

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

October 29, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St.,  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with  
aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL  
with aliases, I.O. 1236; WILLIAM J.  
HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1238; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

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The original arrangement with reference to these two "plants" was to have the Agent maintaining the surveillance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Koehler immediately telephonically communicate with the Agents maintaining the tap at the home of Mr. Bartel, in order that the Agents at this point might take up the surveillance upon the departure of either Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz or their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Newbold. The distance between the Bartel and Koehler homes is only approximately 250 yards, however, the telephones in the homes of both Mr. Bartel and Mr. Koehler are of the four party line type and it has been found that since it is necessary to very expeditiously communicate with the Agents at the Bartel home when anyone is observed leaving the Karpavicz apartment, telephonic communication is often too slow due to the fact that both are on four party lines and further due to the fact that it is necessary for the Agents maintaining the surveillance at the Bartel home to travel some distance in the house to reach the telephone from the room in which the surveillance is being made. It has been found that on two occasions the telephonic communication was so slow due to the lines being busy that the departure of the Karpavicz could not be followed, as the Agents could not take up the surveillance in sufficient



time. It, therefore, appears very necessary that a brief case type radiophone be furnished this office at the earliest possible date. This office has been advised it cannot expect delivery of a second brief case type radio set for a period of approximately two weeks and the Chicago office, therefore, would like to be advised if it would not be possible for this office to secure temporary use of one of the brief case type radio sets of one of the other field offices until arrival of a second set of this type.

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Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 4507  
Jacksonville, Florida  
October 29, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 812  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I.O. #1218; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING, etc.

Dear Sir:

As a result of the cover placed on the mail of  
Mrs. E. J. Connelley, Sarasota, Florida, the enclosed tracing  
was received at the Jacksonville Office today.

It is advised that Mrs. E. J. Connelley, Jacksonville,  
Florida, advised that she had received a letter from  
Jacksonville, Oct. 22, 1935, 11:30 P.M. which advised her  
that her husband was being held by the Karpis gang.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St.,  
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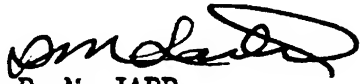
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D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio** FILE NO. **7-83**

REPORT MADE AT <b>San Francisco, Cal.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/25/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/14, 22/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>L.K. Cook</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** E.A. Friend unable to give any information concerning Karpis. Officers James Sage and Archie Kirkpatrick of Eureka Police Department unable to give additional information relative to Karpis being in Eureka, California, during May 1935. Banquet at Tom Tib Club reported held for one Joe Delpiano. Names of persons attending obtained and set out herein. No investigation at Shelter Cove made as yet by "Scotty" Phelan. George Nelson, 1681 Visalia Avenue, Berkeley, California, registrar 1930 Buick Sedan, motor #2447364, 1935 California license 7F3898, not subject Campbell and has no connection instant case.

**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent J.A. Cimperman, dated at San Francisco, California, 9/3/35.  
Letter from Portland Bureau Office dated 9/15/35.

**DETAILS:** AT EUREKA, CALIFORNIA.

Agent, together with Officer Archie Kirkpatrick, Eureka Police Department, interviewed E.A. Friend, 724 M Street. Mr. Friend stated that he knew nothing concerning Karpis and did not know whether or not Karpis had ever been in Eureka, California.

Officers Sage and Kirkpatrick stated that they had no information concerning Karpis in addition to that set out in report of reference. Officer Sage stated that he would again contact Friend in the near future and would give to an agent of this office any information he obtained.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Jay S. Cimperman</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
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Harold McBeth was re-contacted and stated that the only party or banquet at the Tom Tib Club that he had any knowledge of was one given some time in April, 1935, for Joe Delpiano who was leaving for a visit in Italy, and who at the present time is still in Italy. McBeth stated that the following persons attended that party:

Joe Delpiano - Now in Italy.

Bob Hinkley - Bartender, reported to be presently in Vallejo, California.

Joe Chilli - Now tending bar at the California Bar, E Street, Eureka, California.

Jim Cirimille, alias Tibby - Owner of Tom Tib Club.

Maxine Powers (Tibby's woman) - Madam at Star Rooms, 2nd and E Streets, Eureka, California.

Joe Pellegrini - At Tom Tib Club.

Jerry Gardner (John Hurley's woman) - Thought to be at Pismo Beach, California.

John Hurley - Thought to be at Pismo Beach, California.

Bill Lawson - Bartender for Jim Dunn at 2nd and D Streets, Eureka, California.

Jack Davis - Owner of the "Shanty", Third Street, Eureka, California.

Mel Smith - Bartender at the "Shanty".

Dorothy McIntyre (Jack Davis' woman) - Madam of house at 215 Second Street, Eureka, California.

Hazel Miller (Bill Lawson's woman) - Madam at Palace Rooms, 507 Second Street, Eureka, California.

Officer Kirkpatrick stated that John Hurley now hangs out at Pismo Beach, California, which is near San Luis Obispo. Mr. Kirkpatrick states that Pismo Beach is reputed to be a hangout for criminals.



**AT PORTUNA, CALIFORNIA.**

Agent interviewed "Scotty" Phelan, who stated that his duties as Game Warden had prevented him from making any inquiries or investigation of the various shacks around Shelter Cove; but that he would do so in the near future. Phelan also stated that John Hurley could be found at Pismo Beach, California, and that that place bore a bad reputation.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent M.W. Acers.

Information obtained from the California Department of Motor Vehicles concerning George Nelson, 1681 Visalia Avenue, Berkeley, California, and 1930 Buick Sedan, motor #2447364, 1935 California license 7F3898, was as follows:

Said automobile registered to George Nelson, 1681 Visalia Avenue, Berkeley, California, as sole owner. 1935 California license 7F3898 issued January 8, 1935. No stops were recorded as being placed against this automobile. Operator's license D-96816 issued December 17, 1934, revealed the following description of George Nelson:

Age	44 (June 6, 1890)
Height	6'
Weight	155 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown

**AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA.**

Mrs. Howard Miller, 1697 Visalia Avenue, next door neighbor of George Nelson, was interviewed, at which time she stated she had known Mr. Nelson for approximately two years; that he is quite a reputable individual and was presently employed as an executive auditor of the Southern Pacific Company, San Francisco. Mrs. Miller's description of George Nelson was practically identical with that set forth above.

Mr. George Nelson was viewed at the Southern Pacific Company offices, at which time agent recognized him as an individual from whom information concerning Southern Pacific Company employees had been obtained for some time. In casual conversation with Mr. Nelson, it was ascertained that he had instant Buick at Brookings, Oregon, on July 28, 1935.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

THE LOS ANGELES BUREAU OFFICE: At Pismo Beach, California, will make discreet inquiry to ascertain whether or not either Karpis



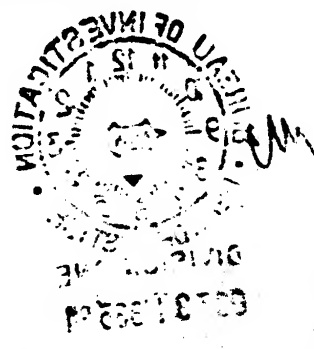
or Campbell have been seen at that place. A copy of reference report is being enclosed for the benefit of the Los Angeles Office.

THE SAN FRANCISCO BUREAU OFFICE: At Eureka, California, will re-contact Officer James Sage, at an early date, to see if he has been able to obtain any information of value from E.A. Friend.

At Fortuna, California, will re-contact "Scotty" Phelan for any information he may have obtained around Shelter Cove.

PENDING

Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
October 29, 1935



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Special Agent in Charge  
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

RE: WILLIAM J. LaPREE  
IMPERSONATION

On October 24, 1935 I addressed a letter to the Director entitled, ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1218; et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim; KIDNAPING, regarding an inquiry I had received concerning one LaPree.

My letter was based upon a telephone call received from Mr. Mackaye, local representative of the Associated Press, and a long distance call from Mr. G. R. Spaeth of the Duluth Herald, Duluth, Minnesota, who advised that he had obtained information from an informant in Duluth, whose name he did not care to disclose, that a Special Agent of this Bureau named LaPree arrested some man in Duluth on October 17, 1935 on the charge of passing some of the Bremer ransom money; that Agent LaPree and his prisoner proceeded from Duluth to St. Paul by train on that date; that LaPree took his prisoner to the St. Paul Office of this Bureau for questioning.

Mr. Spaeth further stated that his information was that Agent LaPree was a former Doctor of Medicine. He described the man alleged to be in the custody of LaPree as being 28, tall, suave, close-set eyes, and a high school graduate with two years of college.

At the time I addressed the above mentioned letter to the Director I had previously made inquiries of the Secret Service to ascertain whether one of their operatives had made any arrests in Duluth, and whether they had any operative named LaPree, but was advised that no arrests had been made by them in Duluth nor did they have an operative bearing that name.

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*W. J. LaPree*  
*Geo. Bremer*

Mr. Mackaye, local representative of the Associated Press, advised me that the source of his information was Mr. Spaeth of the Duluth Herald, consequently Mackaye will not be interviewed. However, an Agent will be in Duluth at an early date, at which time he will contact Mr. Spaeth for all information he may have in his possession regarding the activities of LaPree, who is believed to be identical with the WILLIAM J. La BREE, the subject in your case.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>CLEVELAND, OHIO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>10-28-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>10/18-25/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>C. E. SMITH</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, wa, FUGITIVE I.O. 1218; JOSEPH P. MORAN, wa, FUGITIVE I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, wa, FUGITIVE I.O. 1236; ET AL; Edward George Bremer, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

[redacted] advises he has observed individuals resembling Karpis and Campbell frequenting beer parlor near his home. Detective Manson advises Thelma Holst presently living in Fredericktown, Ohio. Telephone calls made from phone of Gray Phoenix checked. Manson advises Louis Levi may be possible contact of subjects. Confidential informant [redacted] advises Rene Holst will operate a beer parlor at Point Place. Confidential informant [redacted] advises [redacted]. Investigation vicinity 102nd and Superior and 63d and Scoville reveals no information relative to whereabouts of subject Karpis.

**REFERENCES:**

Reports of Special Agents R. D. Brown, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 6-1-35;  
S. K. McKee, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated 8-8-35;  
F. J. Blake, Dallas, Texas, dated 9-3-35;  
J. L. Madala, Chicago, Ill., dated 10-16-35; and  
Letter of Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland, Cleveland, dated 10-4-35.

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DETAILS:

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

A man who gave his name as [redacted] and address [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, called at the Cleveland Bureau office at 1:30 P.M. the 12th of August, 1935, and was interviewed by Special Agent R. D. Brown.

[redacted] appeared to be very anxious to furnish this information, but insisted that it be understood that the source of the information should not be revealed under any circumstances. He is a quiet, working type, Hungarian, and his attitude did not indicate that he is a detective story maniac or one who desires to be an informant. He stated that he has a wife and two children living with him at the above address, but is presently out of work and is supported by the relief organization. He did not ask for anything and did not desire to know whether or not rewards were outstanding. He stated that he came up merely as an American citizen, and also due to the fact that he fears possibly for his and his neighbor's safety.

[redacted] stated that for the past two weeks a strange group of men have been frequenting the address of 2575 East 75th St., a beer joint operated by an Italian and a Hungarian. He stated that this place has a license to dispense beer only, but that liquor is freely sold there. He advised that for the past two weeks the racket element has been spending a great deal of time at this place, and their actions are unusually suspicious; that he and his neighbor, whose name he refused to give, have been watching the place for some days, wondering what was going on; that Saturday night, August 10, 1935, at about midnight or shortly thereafter, he was sitting on his porch and saw a small car, probably a Ford or a Chevrolet, drive up and back into a parking space between the school house and the beer joint. This car had Illinois license plates and was occupied by two young men, one having his arm in a sling and the other a surgical dressing on his nose.

According to [redacted] the driver was the shorter of the two men; that the taller man got out of the car and had a conversation with a man who appeared to be expecting him. This man was Canadian or of Canadian descent, as he spoke with a decided Canadian accent. [redacted] stated that the two men who arrived in the car waited for about an hour until a small one-ton truck arrived, upon which the Canadian-appearing individual had a conversation with the driver thereof, obtained a package, which he gave to the taller man, and the taller man then made a remark to the driver of the car, "Come on Puggy. We got the package." [redacted] also stated that the Canadian-appearing man also told the taller man that the coast was clear and that they could go.

b7D [redacted] informed that he did not think this unusually suspicious, but on the following morning at about 4:30 a.m. he again saw this same car parked in the same place and after waiting approximately an hour the same truck again arrived; after this time the occupants of the car above-mentioned took the lead, followed by the truck, which, in turn, was followed by a Plymouth coupe, bearing Michigan license plates, driven by the Canadian-appearing individual. On this occasion the car which on the night before had been parked between the two buildings and bore Illinois plates, now had Ohio license plates on it.

According to [redacted] on Monday morning, August 12, 1935, between five and six o'clock, this same car again appeared, occupied by the same men and having the same Ohio license plates, which number he failed to take, parked in the same place, remained one and one-half hours until the Canadian-appearing individual arrived, after which time there was some conversation and both cars departed. He informed that the shorter of the two men always remained in the car above-described.

[redacted] advised that he has no idea as to who these men are, but their actions and the reputation of the place they were visiting caused his suspicions to be aroused to such an extent that he and his neighbor had conversation and decided it would be better to report the matter to the Government. He stated that he first went to the office of the United States Marshal, in the Federal Building where he asked to see one of the "G-Men" and was referred to this office. He advised that he has not talked to anyone about this matter other than his neighbor, and most assuredly will not talk to anyone about it. He appears to be entirely rational but thoroughly scared. He does not appear to be mentally unbalanced.

[redacted] was shown a large number of photographs, after which time he was requested to furnish a description of the two men in the car. He described the taller as having a rather long scar leading down from his left ear and had a surgical dressing of some kind on his right ear; that he was about 5' 10" in height, rather slim build, stoop-shouldered, had dark brown hair, which he combed back, had a rather long slim face, with piercing dark eyes. He claimed the man was very well dressed on all occasions and on one occasion wore a light grey sport hat; on the other two occasions he was bareheaded.

[redacted] described the shorter man as about 5' 6" in height, thick set, broad shoulders, brown hair, and was deeply tanned. He stated that he did not get as good a look at this man as he did at the taller one; that he was within eight feet of the taller man on the occasion of first seeing him.



He described the Canadian-appearing individual as over 6' in height, large build, but not fat, having a very distinct scar on his right cheek, broad face, dark eyes and hair, and was always well dressed.

The writer placed in front of [redacted] a group of thirty photographs, not all of them members of the Barker-Karpis gang. He studied them and then picked out the three different photographs of Alvin Karpis, whom he positively identified as the taller man in the car. He stated that he had never seen this picture before and had never heard of Alvin Karpis with the exception of having possibly heard his name mentioned on the radio, but he could not recall it. He did not know what Karpis was wanted for. He also tentatively picked two photographs of Harry Campbell as being the person who always remained in the car and who was referred to by the taller man as "Puggy". He stated that he would not be certain as to this photograph, but believed it to be the taller's companion.

[redacted] could not be induced to furnish the name of his neighbor, who had also seen these two men. He stated that he did not want to cause anyone any trouble and did not want anyone to know that he had been in a Government office. He speaks fair English. He was furnished the telephone number of the Cleveland office and advised that he would call should he see these two men again. He indicated that it would be desirable, should agents want to "case" this place, for them to be dressed in old clothes, as this particular neighborhood is very suspicious of strangers. He cautioned agent not to mention this to the police, but did not know whether or not the persons he has identified are known to any police officers in that district.

[redacted] departed from the office advising that he would be glad to assist in any way if he could do so without arousing suspicion. At no time did he ask for any money, a position or anything. Upon his departure he stated that he had great reverence for his Government.

Subsequent investigation by Special Agent Brown revealed that the address of the beer joint referred to by [redacted] was 2775 East 75th Street and the operator's name was Pete Frish.

Harry Creighton, mail carrier, (No. 426), of Station C, E. 55 and Woodland Avenue, was contacted by Special Agent R. D. Brown, but he was unable to furnish any information of value, relative to any of



the individuals described by [REDACTED], as frequenting the beer parlor; however, he agreed to cooperate in any manner possible.

Subsequently, Mr. Creighton telephonically communicated with Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland and advised that he had information for Special Agent Brown. Mr. Creighton was interviewed by Special Agent C. E. Smith, and he advised that he had found several canceled checks in the yard and on the porch of one Alex Jacobenta, 2724 E. 75th Street, which number is three doors north of 2775 East 75th Street. The checks, twenty in number and all dated between Feb. 1st and 28th of 1928, were drawn on the account of the Adams Company, Inc., Andrus Building, Minneapolis, Minn., and all were signed by W. E. Frame for the Adams Co. The bank upon which the checks were drawn is the Metropolitan National Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mr. Creighton further advised that he had been watching the mail that was placed in the mailbox at East 75th Street and Grand Ave., which box is located in the district, and stated that he had observed two letters addressed to Fred Topell, Homewood, Illinois, and E. M. Topell, 271 Pick Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Creighton was unable to advise who mailed the letters, as they had no return address on same. No lead is being set forth for the Chicago office to investigate the above-named individuals, same being left to the discretion of Special Agent in Charge E.J. Connelley.

In view of the fact that the checks found by Mr. Creighton are dated for 1928, no further investigation is being conducted relative to them and they are being retained in the files of this case at Cleveland.

With reference to the long distance telephone calls made from the home of Edith Barry at Toledo, Ohio, to Cleveland, Ohio, it was noted that on 1-3-35, 4-7-35 and 6-25-35 calls were placed to Garfield 9241 and on 5-28-35 and 6-1-35 calls were placed to Garfield 4780. It will be noted that Garfield 9241 is listed as the Hollywood Royal Club, 1916 East 81st Street, and Garfield 4780 is listed to Mrs. Ardell Quinn, of 1916 East 81st Street.

Agent personally knows that the Hollywood Club has been operated by Ardell Quinn, who is considered the operator or madam of practically the largest and most exclusive call house in Cleveland. Subsequent investigation will be conducted to ascertain what connection Mrs. Quinn has with instant case.

*Phone calls on Edith Barry*

With reference to the statement of Harry Stien, alias I. W. Maxwell, contained in report of reference of Special Agent F. J. Blake, Dallas, Texas, dated 9-3-35, to the effect that Karpis was maintaining two apartments in Cleveland, Ohio: one at East 102nd Street and Superior Avenue, and one at 63rd Street and Scoville Avenue, agent interviewed Mrs. A. Brewster, superintendent of the Boulevard Manor at East 102nd Street and Superior and ascertained that all of the tenants of the Manor had resided there for several months, and no one answering the description of Bobby Kerrigan had rented or lived in any of the apartments.

Agent without disclosing his identity ascertained that Harold and McCoullough owned the block at 1278 E. 102nd Street, and the woman to whom agent talked at that address had a small child about one year old in her arms. This woman who was Mrs. Harold did not answer the description of Bobby Kerrigan.

At 10125 Superior Avenue, which is a frame dwelling with a confectionery on the first floor, it was ascertained that J. Scheel had operated the store for the past year and Mr. Fairchild and Mr. Gibbs had lived in the apartment above the store for the past five years. A Mr. H. Haller had lived in the apartment in the rear of the store for the past fourteen years.

The building at 10117 Superior Avenue is an office building with three residential apartments in same. The offices are occupied by a Dr. Cooper, and the apartments are occupied by Sirkin and Goldberg, Daniel Boza and Mrs. G. L. DuPrey, all of whom have resided there for years.

At 6305 Scoville Avenue, which is a very poor section and in the heart of Cleveland's colored district, agent made inquiry at the office of the City Ice and Fuel Co., 6212 Scoville, and ascertained that no white families resided in the vicinity. Agent questioned a colored child in the only apartment on the corner and was advised that no white families resided in the apartment.

#### AT PORT CLINTON, OHIO

During the course of the telephone tap at Toledo it was ascertained that a call was made from Edith Barry's home to Forest 4534-J in Toledo, which number is listed to Gray Phoenix, 808 Pinewood Avenue.

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all long distance calls made over this phone were obtained through Mr. R. L. White of the telephone company, and it was noted that a call was made to Miss Sharp at 7143 Port Clinton, Ohio. Agent checked the

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telephone directory at Port Clinton and found that 7143 was listed to A. W. Sharp of Catawba Island, Ohio. In view of the fact that agent had been previously advised by Detective Harry Manson of the Lucas County Prosecutor's office that the sheriff at Port Clinton was suspected of dealing in slot machines, agent made no attempt to contact him.

AT SANDUSKY, OHIO

Agent interviewed Worthy H. Brown, at his boat livery office, Battery Park, relative to A. W. Sharp, and was advised by him that Sharp had lived in the vicinity of Catawba Island for the past fourteen or fifteen years, and at one time owned the Catawba Island docks, in company with John Cagney (deceased), until they were destroyed by fire. Brown stated further that he had not had direct contact with Sharp for several years, but that he had heard Sharp had tried to start a beer parlor in an old abandoned winery, but had not made a success of it and was at the present time operating a pool parlor and bowling alley at Catawba.

Continuing, Brown stated that in so far as he knew [REDACTED]

b7C [REDACTED] stating, however, he did not care to be repeated. Brown went on to say that his son, Bill Brown, at Lakeside, Ohio, could give the writer more information relative to Sharp and his family.

AT FREMONT, OHIO

With reference to the telephone number North 2886, called by someone at Forest 4534-J, (Gray Phoenix, 808 Pinewood), agent ascertained that the same was listed to Otis Flowers, 719 Willow Street, Fremont, Ohio.

Mr. John Dalton, register clerk at the Fremont Post Office, advised that Otis Flowers was a colored man and had worked as janitor for the Liberty Bank for a number of years. Dalton further informed reporting agent that in so far as he knew Flowers bore a good reputation in the vicinity.

Mr. L. F. Schwartz, mail carrier, serving the district in which Flowers resides, stated that Flowers was a colored man, residing in a very good white district and was considered very respectable.

Continuing, Schwartz advised that Otis Flowers' son, O'Dell, has recently secured a position, either in Detroit or Toledo and was now out of town.

AT PERRYSBURG, OHIO

With reference to the telephone number, Perrysburg Main 453, called from Forest 4534-J, agent ascertained that same was listed to Robert Coon, 76 Locust Street, Perrysburg.

Mr. P. C. Sutter, Assistant Postmaster, was interviewed and advised that he knew very little about Coon other than he appeared to be rather well fixed financially and worked in Toledo, Ohio.

AT TOLEDO, OHIO

A check of the Toledo directory revealed that Robert Coon was listed as a broker with the firm of Bell and Beckwith, stock brokers, 519-21 Madison Avenue. Detectives Harry Manson and Merle Unkle, Lucas County Prosecutor's office, advised that Bell and Beckwith were among the leading stock brokers at Toledo, and while they knew of Robert Coon, they were unable to furnish any information of value about him.

During the interview had by agent with Detective Manson, he related that an individual by the name of Louis Levi, known as a finger man for bank mobs, is presently living in a furnished apartment to the left of the entrance of the Rapids Hotel in Grand Rapids, Ohio, having rented the apartment on May 1st, 1935.

Continuing, Detective Manson advised that Levi was acting in a very suspicious manner, relating that on September 23, 1935, Levi came in on the Fort Wayne, Indiana, bus, and had with him two suitcases that were so heavy that he had to secure the assistance of Frederick Bentley, a Grand Rapids boy, to carry them to his apartment. According to Manson, Levi's wife arrived from the same direction shortly thereafter driving their Oldsmobile sedan.

Manson further stated that on October 14, 1935, Levi purchased a crate of eggs from a dealer in Grand Rapids and told the dealer to hold them for him and not say anything about the purchase. On the same day Levi tendered a \$100 bill to the local baker for a loaf of bread. Later the same day Levi was overheard to call room 302 of the Le Plaza or La Plaza Hotel in Detroit, Michigan.

With reference to the above telephone call, Special Agent Sam McKee called Acting Special Agent in Charge W. J. West of the Detroit office and requested same to be checked.

Acting Special Agent in Charge W. J. West later advised on 10-16-35, that there was no Plaza Hotel in Detroit, but there was a La Plaza Hotel, located at 1921 West Grand River; a Le Plaza Hotel located at 2240 West Grand Boulevard, and also the Plaza Apartments,

located on Monroe Street, further stating that the La Plaza Hotel is considered a fourth-rate hotel; that all of the above-named places were buildings of, at least, three stories and could have a suite number 302. He was requested to check all of the above and stated that same would be done in a discreet manner and he would advise of the results.

Later the same day Acting SAC W. J. West, of the Detroit office, advised that the following individuals checked into the La Plaza Hotel, 1921 West Grand River:

Sept. 20, 1935	- Bernard Hagan, and brother, 6636 University Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
" 23, 1935	- Mr. Holson, Benton Harbor, Michigan
October 1, 1935	- Mr. Cullinan, Muskegan, Michigan
" 11, 1935	- Richard Mai, Detroit, Michigan
" 14, 1935	- Mr. and Mrs. Ceroiny, 624 Wheaton, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Acting SAC W. J. West further advised that no information was secured through the postal authorities concerning the identity of tenants at the Le Plaza Hotel, 2240 West Grand Boulevard, as it was ascertained from the mail carrier that he left all mail for that address at the desk; that this is a first-class hotel, and that no further investigation would be conducted at this address without further instructions, as it would necessitate contacting the manager, and, also, that the Plaza Apartments on Monroe Street does not maintain a suite by the number of 302.

In view of the fact that Levi has been acting in a very suspicious manner and that the territory surrounding Grand Rapids was ideal for a hideout, he thought that Levi might be hiding the subjects of this case.

The following description of Levi was obtained from Detectives Manson and Unkle:

Name	Louis Levi
Age	42
Weight	150
Height	5' 7" - 8"
Color of hair	black
Color of eyes	dark
Complexion	dark
Build	medium, athletic

Race	White
Nationality	American Jew
Residence	Rapids Hotel, Grand Rapids, Ohio
Relatives	Wife, Dora Roberts, same address Brother-in-law, Carey Roberts, " " " Clyde Bortel, both Grand Rapids, O.
Automobile	Oldsmobile sedan, faded green in color, Illinois license 386 104
Criminal record	Obtained from Det. Unkle, who obtained same from the Toledo PD files, which is incomplete. Arrested at Toledo in '17, no charge set forth
Fingerprints	1 UR 18 1 U 14

With reference to the reputation of Russell Simpson and Paul Renz, who have been suggested as possible informants, (see reference report of Special Agent J. L. Madala, Chicago, Ill, dated 10-16-35) agent interviewed Superintendent John Louy of the Record Room, of the Toledo Police Department, and was advised by him that his files reflect no record of them.

Agent casually mentioned their names to Detectives Manson and Unkle. However, neither of them knew the individuals.

Continuing, Detective Manson advised that he had interviewed Mrs. Louise Wilson, 1424 Broadway Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, mother of Thelma Holst, relative to another matter and was advised by her that Thelma's true name was Zelma Wilson, and she was not related in any manner to Rene Holst, stating that Rene and Thelma had formerly lived and worked together, and people naturally thought they were sisters. Mrs. Wilson further advised Manson that Thelma had recently married a Howard Emerson and was presently residing in Fredericktown, Ohio, her address being Mrs. Howard Emerson, care of E. M. Rowley, RFD 1, Fredericktown, Ohio. Detective Manson advised that the only Emerson he knew was a "Whitey" Emerson, a former pimp and minor hoodlum of Toledo, Ohio.

Confidential informant [redacted] was contacted by agent, and he stated that he had heard nothing except that Rene Holst, who had taken a trip to Atlantic City, was returning to open and operate Ludy Fleming's new night club at Point Place. [redacted] further stated that he [redacted] and would advise agent if he heard anything.

Confidential informant [redacted] was interviewed by agent, and he advised that Lu and Gus Jacob had visited Lu's mother [redacted]



Agent interrogated [redacted] about Gus, and he stated that he was just a "punk", who ran a bottling works, but was out for the "dough" in anything. [redacted] also informed the writer that Lu's child, Margaret, was living with Gus' sister in Detroit, Michigan. (It will be noted here that during the time the telephone tap was being maintained at Toledo, Ohio, Edith called "Sally" at Detroit, Michigan, telephone No. EUCLID 0903; it is possible that Sally is Gus' sister.)

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The CLEVELAND OFFICE at TOLEDO and CLEVELAND, OHIO, will keep in contact with its informants.

The CLEVELAND OFFICE at LAKEVILLE, OHIO, will interview Bill Brown at the Boat Livery and obtain all information possible from him relative to A. W. Sharp of Catawba.

The DETROIT OFFICE at DETROIT, MICHIGAN, will ascertain the identity and connections of the individual known as Sally, telephone No. EUCLID 0903.

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Mumford	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Mr. Gandy	

FBI CHICAGO

10-26-35

5-17PM

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DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREXID. TAP INSTALLED TELEPHONE JOHN KARAVICZ 12-30PM TODAY.

SURVEILLANCE OF KARAVICZ APARTMENT BEING KEPT 24 HOURS PER DAY FROM BARTEL

AND KOEHLER RESIDENCES. NO FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AS TO [REDACTED]

BETTY TRACY FORMER GIRL FRIEND DOCTOR MORAN ADVISED POSITIVELY THIS

AFTERNOON SHE HAS NOT HEARD FROM MORAN SINCE HIS FLIGHT FROM CHICAGO

LATE IN APRIL OF LAST YEAR WHEN HE CALLED HER ADVISING HE WAS GOING

TO VISIT HIS SISTER IN SPRING VALLEY, ILLINOIS FOR A FEW DAYS.

THIS SISTER BEING MORAN'S FAVORITE SISTER, MRS. KATE LAUER WHO

HAS A SON NAMED JOHN - AND THAT JOHN LAUER MADE A TRIP TO CHICAGO

FROM SPRING VALLEY IN MAY OF THIS YEAR, AT THE REQUEST OF HIS

MOTHER, TO ASK BETTY TRACY IF SHE HAD HEARD FROM "JOE", MEANING

DOCTOR MORAN.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
OCTOBER 29, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218, Et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated October 4, 1935, in the above captioned case addressed to this Office, as well as letter from Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, October 22, 1935, to this Office, concerning [REDACTED]

Please be advised that Special Agent A. E. Farland was informed by Warden F. G. Zerbst of the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, that Volney Davis, as well as Arthur Barker, both Subjects in the above captioned case, left Leavenworth, Kansas, October 23, 1935, under transfer to the U. S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island.

A copy of the photograph of [REDACTED] is not being forwarded to the San Francisco Office to exhibit to Volney Davis, as it is believed that present investigation by various Field Offices in this vicinity will establish whether [REDACTED] is actually an associate and acquaintance of members of the Karpis-Barker Gang, which information is desired in order to determine his possibilities as an informant in this case.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Smith*  
W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

MCS/sw  
7-37  
cc-Oklahoma City  
Omaha  
Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago. &  
Washington Field  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

November 1, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case

The Bureau has been advised by the Kansas City Office that on October 23, 1935, Arthur "Doc" Barker and Volney Davis left the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, under transfer to the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island.

Respectfully,

*K. R. McIntire*  
K. R. McIntire.

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Foxworth	.....
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Mr. Tamm	.....
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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
NOVEMBER 4, 1935.

Mr. F. G. Zerbst, Warden,  
U. S. Penitentiary,  
Leavenworth, Kansas.

ATTENTION: Mr. E. H. Bokholdt.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of the following letters  
you have forwarded to this Office relative to the mail  
of Elmer Farmer, your number 47103:

Your letter dated October 28, 1935, enclosing  
copy of letter from Helen Conliff to Farmer,  
postmarked Chicago, Illinois, October 25, 1935;

Your letter dated October 29, 1935, enclosing  
copy of letter from Helen Conliff to Farmer,  
postmarked Chicago, Illinois, October 28, 1935;

Your letter dated November 1, 1935, enclosing  
copy of letter from Blanche Brabant to Farmer,  
postmarked Elmhurst, Illinois, October 30, 1935,  
and copy of letter from Helen Conliff to Farmer,  
postmarked Chicago, Illinois, October 30, 1935.

Please accept my thanks for your continued co-operation.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

MCS/sw  
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cc-Bureau ✓

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*Edmund George*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

October 29, 1935.

Case: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al.;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;  
KIDNAPING.

Number: 7-576-7705

Specimens: A. Four pages of sample handwriting of Volney Davis entitled "My  
Career in Crime", numbered 1, 2, 13 and 14.

Examination requested by: Chicago Bureau Office

Date received: October 26, 1935

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by:

Appel

Differences exist between the submitted handwriting of Volney Davis and the signature "Gene L. Jordan" on the photostatic copy of the application for registration of a 1935 Ford Coupe, motor number 18-1645348, which indicates the probability that Volney Davis did not sign the questioned signature "Gene L. Jordan".

In accordance with your request the original handwriting specimens of Volney Davis will be returned as soon as photographic copies have been made for the completion of the Bureau's files.

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1-Mr. Connelley, Chicago.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al.;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report  
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office  
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in  
the Bureau October 26, 1935.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure: #877654.

CC - St. Paul.  
Cincinnati.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION, Chicago.

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Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 812,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fugitive;  
I. O. #1218, et al; Edward George  
Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois, dated September 17, 1935, on page nine of which it is noted that Ruth Heidt was interviewed concerning the wrist watch and eyeglasses worn by William J. Harrison prior to his death.

It is observed that Agents did not confront Ruth Heidt with information furnished by Volney Davis that she had mentioned to "Doc" Barker that Harrison told her about Fred and Alvin Barker being located in Florida.

It is desired that the Chicago office arrange to interview Ruth Heidt with regard to the allegation to the effect that Harrison told her certain members of the Karpis-Barker gang were living in Florida. This interview is deemed advisable in view of the fact that it is alleged this disclosure on the part of Harrison was the reason for his being murdered by members of the Karpis-Barker gang.

Very truly yours,  
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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November 2, 1935

Mr. John F. Harrington,  
512 South Crocker Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1218; ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated October 26, 1935, in which you advise that you are quite positive you have seen Harry Campbell in Los Angeles, California, on several occasions.

I wish to thank you for your information and to advise you that this matter is being brought to the attention of Mr. J. E. P. Dunn, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 617 Federal Building, Los Angeles, California, who will arrange to have an Agent interview you in the very near future concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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cc Los Angeles (with copies of incoming letter)  
Mr. E. J. Connelley (with copy of incoming letter)  
at Chicago  
St. Paul (with copy of incoming letter)  
Cincinnati (with copy of incoming letter)



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Oct. 24, 35

512 So. Crocker St  
Los Angeles  
Calif

Chief Division of Identification  
Department of Justice Washington  
D.C. to the Chief in Charge  
John F. Harrington  
I am quite positive I have  
seen this man, Harrell  
O. Campbell, here in this town  
3 times. I have seen him  
come around to see a Police  
Friend here in this town  
know that you will find  
at least 3 or 4 more  
more looking for him  
him again & get his  
Picture from a Police  
Magazine and see  
him.

Ref. & ref. to Los Angeles - cc - Mr. Connelley, at  
Chicago, St Paul & Cincinnati. 11/9/35. KRM

Cincinnati, Ohio

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John F. K. Hamilton

514 South

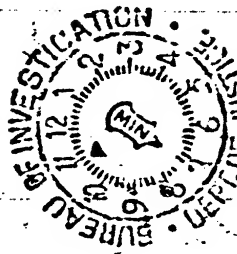
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P.S. if you think I  
it well while to insert  
again willing to  
do whatever I can to  
appeal him

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Oct. 26, 35  
512 Sou. Crocker St.  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Chief Division of Identification  
Department of Justice Washington D. C.  
To the Chief in Charge.

I John F. Harrington, I am quite positive I have  
seen this man Harry Campbell here in this city 3 times  
very lately he comes around to see a pickup friend here  
in this Logging House that I am staying at I will locate  
him over more closely when I see him again I got his  
Picture from a Detective Magazine and his Identification

Sincerely yours

/s/ John F. Harrington  
512 South Crocker St.  
Los Angeles, Calif.

P.S. If you think it worth while to investigate I am willing  
to do whatever I can to apprehend him.

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-36

REPORT MADE AT Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE 10-28-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-21 & 22-35	REPORT MADE BY C. J. Endres
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Deputy U.S. Marshal, Ada, Oklahoma, advised that individual who was keeping company with Loring Floyd may be identical with subject Karpis. Investigation at Ada discloses that this individual is not identical with subject.

DETAILS: Oklahoma City.

During the evening of October 20, 1935, Mr. Allen Stanfield, Deputy U. S. Marshal, Ada, called Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley by long distance and advised that he has some information to the effect that perhaps an individual recently in Ada may be Alvin Karpis, and the circumstances are substantially as follows:

That a young man by the name of Brown, a stranger in Ada, and employed for about one day in some local store, became infatuated with a girl there and proposed marriage to her and a license was issued; that the sister of this girl, with whom he was infatuated, learned of it and wanted some investigation before the marriage was consummated, and mentioned something about referring the status of the young man to the officers and that thereupon he fled, and according to the best information in Stanfield's possession he went to Houston, Texas and that his address in that city is ascertainable.

- At Ada, Oklahoma.

Agent and Deputy U. S. Marshal Allen Stanfield interviewed Miss Lorine

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Dwight Brantley</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7-576-7869 NOV 1 - A.M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	RECORDED AND INDEXED: NOV 1 1935 CHECKED OFF: NOV 1 1935 JACKETED
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Floyd at her residence, 531 North Francis Street. She advised that in the latter part of August or the first part of September, 1935, she met Marvin Brown on a bus near Springfield, Missouri, at which time he told her he was a salesman for the Texas Oil Company, with headquarters in New York City, New York and in Texas; that he corresponded with her, sending her letters from Eram, Oklahoma, and on October 11, 1935 came to Ada, Oklahoma to visit her. He then admitted that he was not a salesman for the Texas Oil Company; that on one occasion he asked her whether she had read anything about Karpis in the newspapers, or had seen his photograph, and when she answered that she had, he held his hand over the lower portion of his face and asked her if she saw any resemblance to Karpis; that when she replied that she did not, he then asked her to forget the incident. He also asked her if she was any relation to "Pretty Boy" Floyd and in the conversation mentioned that he had met "Pretty Boy" Floyd on one occasion, but did not mention where.

Informant further advised that when Marvin Brown came to Ada, Oklahoma, he obtained a job with Gluttman's Shoe Store and worked there on Saturday, October 13th; that after the store closed, he called Miss Floyd and requested her to meet him; that she did and he proposed marriage, and requested that her sister attend the wedding. Further, that her sister, Agnes Floyd, objected to the marriage for the reason that Marvin Brown was not well enough known to them and that thereafter on Sunday evening he left Ada, Oklahoma. On October 21, 1935 Lorine Floyd advises that she received a letter from Marvin Brown with the return address of 1910 75th Street, Houston, Texas, in care of S.C.I., which letter enclosed a photograph of himself.

Agent exhibited photographs of subject Karpis to Miss Lorine Floyd, who advised that Marvin Brown is not identical with Karpis.

Mrs. E. L. Jackson, 610 East 9th Street, advised that she is the aunt of Lorine Floyd, and that she met Marvin Brown. Photographs of subject Karpis were exhibited to Mrs. Jackson, who then advised that Marvin Brown and subject Karpis are not identical. She further advised that she had communicated with Mrs. Esther Lance, the mother of Marvin Brown, who resides at Eram, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Lance advised that Marvin Brown has been married twice and that he is now separated from his second wife. Mrs. Jackson further advised that she had contacted Forest Siegenthaler at Boynton, Oklahoma, who advised that Marvin Brown is a bad character and that he is probably wanted for something somewhere.

The following description of Marvin Brown was obtained from interviews with Miss Lorine Floyd and Mrs. E. L. Jackson:

Age - 24  
Height - 5' 7"  
Weight - 150-160 lbs.  
Build - stocky  
Hair - dark brown, straight

Scars - right middle finger amputated at  
first joint  
Tattoos on fingers  
1/2" scar right upper lip  
Complexion - dark  
Has stated that his face has been lifted.

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DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
October 30  
1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Bureau letter dated  
July 27, 1935, there are transmitted to the Bureau and  
to the offices listed below, copies of a letter written  
by Robert Delaney to Dolores Delaney, who is confined in  
the Federal Detention Home, Milan, Michigan.

Very truly yours,

*W. J. West*  
W. J. West  
Special Agent in Charge

AAM:EA  
Inclosures  
cc - St. Paul  
Chicago  
Cincinnati

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*Mr. E. J. Connelley  
cc St. Paul  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Chicago Ill.

Dear Dolores.

I received your letter a few days back and as you know I'm always glad to hear from you.

I was over to see little Ray yesterday and boy he sure looks swell. His cheeks are real fat.

He looked up at me as if he new who I was or maybe its just because I'm so good looking or something.

I got a letter from Mother a couple days ago she seemed to be pretty good from the way she wrote.

I have to go over to the north side to work now, it sure is a long ride. You asked me what kind of work I'm doing. Well its like this if I told you all about it you still wouldn't know what its all about. But one thing theres alot of machine sewing in it.

I'm looking around for a new job but don't seem able to get one.

I sure hope I'm able to come and see you pretty soon now.

The folks said they had been up to see you and that you were find.

They sure are a nice couple and they sure think a lot of little Ray.

Well Dolores be a good girl and I will try and come up and see you soon.

With lots of love from us all

From your big brother

Bud.

Write me soon

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November 6, 1935

7-576

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases -  
Fugitive, I.O. #1218; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim;  
Kidnaping.

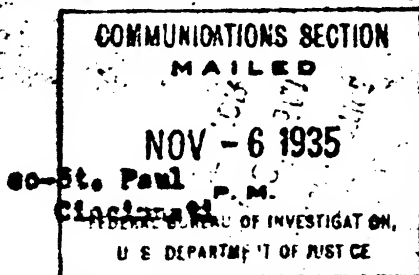
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a letter of the Detroit Office to the Bureau dated October 30, 1935, a copy of which was sent to the Chicago Office. The said letter transmits copies of a letter written by Bud Delaney whose correct name is Robert Delaney, to Dolores Delaney in which Robert Delaney advised that he is now employed in an undertaking which requires "a lot of machine sewing in it".

You will recall that Robert Delaney was located and interviewed by Agents of the Chicago Office several months ago when efforts were being made to locate Dolores Delaney. It is requested that the Chicago Office immediately locate and interview Robert Delaney, ascertaining the character of his present occupation. He should also be interviewed with regard to any further additional information which he has concerning Alvin Karpis. It is believed that he may be able to furnish other information with regard to the manner in which Dolores Delaney learned to know Karpis, and he may be aware of such contacts as Karpis may have had in either Minnesota or Illinois.

It is desired that this matter be expedited and the Bureau advised immediately.

Very truly yours,



John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
October 30  
1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Bureau letter dated  
July 27, 1935, there are transmitted to the Bureau and to  
the offices listed below, copies of a letter written by  
Wynona Burdette, who is confined in the Federal Detention  
Home, Lilan, Michigan, to Mrs. R. D. Wilson.

Very truly yours,

*W. J. West*

W. J. West  
Special Agent in Charge

AAW:EA  
/ Inclosures /  
cc - St. Paul  
Chicago  
Cincinnati

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Milan Mich.  
Oct 28, 1935.  
Box 1000.

Darling sister and family:-

I am just sitting here thinking of you and wondering if you got home okay. How did you enjoy your trip back? I imagine you were awfully tired, weren't you, honey? Gee, it's a shame to come such a long way and only be able to stay a few day's, but, boy, I sure was glad to see you. You looked so sweet, Essie, I just hated to see you leave. I wanted to go with you so badly, Im kinda homesick I guess. Now Im looking forward to the day when you can come again. That's hot, isn't it? You just leave and I am begging you to come back again. Well, how are all the babies? Just as sweet and cute as ever, I hope. Give them all a great big kiss for me. How is Eunice, Jimmie, Ruth, & Mildred? Tell them I sure wish they could have come here with you. I'd love to see them all. Maybe they will come some day-yes? Well, honey, I shall say goodbye for now, Darling, say "hello" to R. D. for me. This is a song for Gwen. Just tell her her Aunt Nonie is singing it, and thinking of her.

I can see the setting sun,  
Kiss you when the day is done;  
Tho' I'm not the only one  
Every body loves you;  
Oh' down upon your knees,  
For the flowers I see --  
Just heist your little head,  
I can see you with ease;  
I can see the setting sun,  
Kiss you when the day is done;  
Tho' I'm not the only one  
Every body loves you;

Love - Aunt Nonie-

XOXOXOXOXO

Write to me honey.

Will ye, huh?-

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
October 30  
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Mr. John J. Ryan  
Superintendent  
U. S. Detention Home  
Milan, Michigan

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith a letter  
written by Wynona Burdette, an inmate of your institution,  
to Mrs. R. D. Wilson.

The contents of this letter have been  
carefully scrutinized and appears to contain no information  
of value.

Thanking you for your interest and  
cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

AAM:EA  
Inclosure  
cc - Bureau

W. J. West  
Special Agent in Charge

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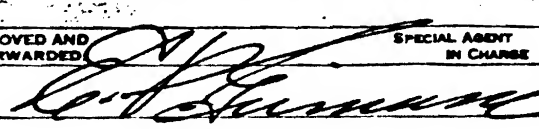


# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-5**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Denver, Colorado</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-29-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-26, 27-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>E. P. GUINANE</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1233; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Person thought to have been Alvin Karpis by one L. J. Eldridge and J. E. Ulrich, who sent telegram to Bureau from Cheyenne, Wyo., to that effect, proved to be one Alexander David Ritchie, who claims he is a parole violator from Leavenworth Penitentiary. Fingerprints of Ritchie disclose he is not Karpis.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>Mr. McIntyre of the Bureau telephonically advised the writer on the night of October 26, 1935, that a telegram had been received at the Bureau from Cheyenne, Wyoming, stating that the writers of the telegram believed that Alvin Karpis was in jail at Cheyenne, Wyoming, and that the United States Marshal at Cheyenne had said that the man was not Karpis, but the writers of the wire had reason to believe that he was Karpis. The wire further requested that the information be treated in the strictest confidence and not to mention their names to anyone. The wire was signed L. J. Eldridge and J. E. Ulrich, who requested that the wire be answered by Western Union.</p> <p>Mr. McIntyre stated that the Bureau was not going to answer the wire but desired that an Agent proceed to Cheyenne to interview Eldridge and Ulrich and determine whether Karpis was in custody at Cheyenne.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED 		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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The writer proceeded to Cheyenne, Wyoming, on the morning of October 27, 1935, and contacted the manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company and was advised that two men had come into the Western Union Telegraph Company on the previous night and appeared to be intoxicated and requested that a wire be sent to the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington, D. C., collect. These men signed the wire L. J. Eldridge and J. E. Ulrich and left an address on the wire of 421 West 18th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming, but crossed this address off and left instructions that they would call at the Western Union office for any reply.

It was determined that 421 West 18th Street is the headquarters of the Transient Bureau in Cheyenne, and Agent inquired there and found that L. J. Eldridge was registered but was not in at the Bureau, but located and interviewed Mr. J. E. Ulrich.

Mr. J. E. Ulrich stated that for the past several months he has been a resident of the Transient Bureau at 421 West 18th Street, and that about two months ago a party had been working at the Transient Station whose name, he believed, was Ritchie; and that Ritchie had left the Transient Station about three weeks ago, and some time after he had left, a Mr. Steel, also living at the Transient Station, had noticed a photograph of Alvin Karpis in a detective magazine and had called attention to the resemblance between Karpis and Ritchie to him.

Ulrich stated that he had not seen Ritchie from the time he left the Station until the night of October 26, 1935, when he saw him outside the Transient Station with some other man, and that he and L. J. Eldridge followed Ritchie a couple of blocks and saw them go into a tavern in Cheyenne, and that when he mentioned the fact to Eldridge that Ritchie resembled Karpis, Eldridge also believed there was a close resemblance, and they then decided to contact the United States Marshal, Mr. Sanders, at Cheyenne, and went to the Post Office and found that the office was closed, but one of the postal clerks telephoned the United States Marshal for them and told the Marshal that two men wanted to see him at the Post Office. The Marshal advised that he would be down at the Post Office shortly.

Ulrich related that while he and Eldridge were waiting in the Post Office for the Marshal, the person whom they thought was Karpis came in the lobby of the Post Office and they became afraid that he was suspicious of them, and they left the Post Office and went up to the Plains Hotel and attempted to get in touch with the Marshal to tell him they were at the hotel instead of the Post Office, and that later the Marshal did see them at the hotel and told them that the man whom they thought was Karpis was already in jail, and that he was not Karpis. Ulrich stated that they did not feel satisfied that the person

whom they thought was Karpis had been arrested, and they therefore decided to go to the Western Union and send a wire to the Bureau at Washington, which was the wire they sent on the night of October 26, 1935.

Ulrich was requested to describe the person whom he thought was Karpis, and he gave the following description:

Age	30 to 35
Height	5-7 to 5-8
Weight	140
Build	Slight
Complexion	Ruddy
Dress	Dark overcoat and black hat turned down over eyes.

Agent interviewed United States Marshal A. A. Sanders at his residence, 1220 East 19th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming, and he related that one of the clerks at the Post Office had called him by telephone on the night of October 26, 1935, and told him there were two men at the Post Office who wanted to see him concerning a fugitive.

Mr. Sanders stated that he went down to the Post Office and was looking around the lobby for these two men but saw only one man there, and he accosted this person and identified himself, and that this person said that he guessed he was the one the Marshal was looking for and stated that his name was Ritchie and that he was a parole violator out of Chicago and desired to give himself up. Mr. Sanders stated that he then took Ritchie to the County Jail and intended the following day to see Ritchie and to ascertain from us whether he was wanted as a parole violator. Mr. Sanders stated that he was then advised by the postal clerk that the two men who were looking for him were at the Plains Hotel, and that he then later saw Eldridge and Ulrich and verified from the description given by them of the person whom they thought was Karpis, that he was in fact the man Ritchie whom the Marshal had put in jail.

Agent then returned to the Transient Bureau and had Ulrich accompany him to the County Jail where arrangements were made to have Ulrich view Ritchie, and Ulrich stated that this person was the one whom he and Eldridge had thought was Alvin Karpis.

Ritchie was interviewed and stated that his name was Alexander David Ritchie; that his home was in Detroit, Michigan, he having last lived with his cousin, Mamie Kahl, at 7511 Middlepoint, Dearborn, Michigan. Ritchie stated that he was arrested at Chicago for transporting a stolen car from Detroit, Michigan, to Chicago, and on March 10, 1933, entered a plea of guilty to a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act and was sentenced by Federal Judge Woodward at Chicago.

serve three years in Leavenworth Penitentiary. He stated he was released from Leavenworth on parole July 2, 1935, and was supposed to report each month to the Parole Officer at Leavenworth, but that he had not made any reports since September, 1935, and that he believed he was probably wanted as a parole violator for this reason.

He stated that he had been in Wyoming a few days and had been working at the Graham Furnace Company, Cheyenne, for two days but was not now employed. He stated that he had also been in Denver, Colorado, previous to coming to Cheyenne and had worked for the Atlas Coal Company at Denver.

Ritchie stated that he had not been engaged in any criminal activities and saw no reason for his parole being revoked other than that he had failed to report. He stated that when the Marshal came up to him in the Post Office, he thought the Marshal was looking for him and told the Marshal that he thought he was a parole violator.

Sheriff George Carroll, Cheyenne, advised that the fingerprints of Ritchie had been taken and exhibited his fingerprints which were compared with the fingerprints of Karpis and found not to be the same. The fingerprints of Ritchie had been sent in to the Bureau at Washington on the night of October 26, 1935, as Sheriff's Office, Cheyenne, Wyoming, #CP-8495.

Agent classified the fingerprints of Ritchie, which were as follows:

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The signature of Ritchie was taken and is being retained in the Denver file.

The following is a description of Ritchie obtained through observation and interrogation;

Name	ALEXANDER DAVID RITCHIE
Age	24. Looks more like 35.
Height	5-9
Weight	145
Build	Slender to medium
Complexion	Light
Hair	Reddish auburn, combed pompadour, very thin on top and partially bald.
Eyes	Greenish blue
Scars	Scar on right knuckle.

Peculiarities  
Relatives

Admitted Criminal  
Record

Extremely long chin.  
Mamie Kahl, cousin, 7511 Middle-  
point, Dearborn, Michigan; Karl  
Ritchie, father, address unknown,  
someplace in Detroit, Michigan.  
Arrested Detroit, Michigan, 1930;  
charge, joy riding, sentenced to  
Ionia Reformatory, 1 to 2 years.  
Arrested Chicago, Illinois, viola-  
tion National Motor Vehicle Theft  
Act, sentenced March 10, 1933, by  
Federal Judge Woodward, Chicago,  
to three years Leavenworth; re-  
leased on parole July 2, 1935.

The above information was telephonically communicated, as requested,  
to Mr. McIntyre at the Bureau on Sunday afternoon, October 27, 1935,  
and Mr. McIntyre was requested to advise the Denver Office whether  
Ritchie was wanted as a parole violator so that this office could  
advise the United States Marshal and the Sheriff at Cheyenne, Wyoming,  
who will hold Ritchie until they hear from us.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
October 29, 1935

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; et al;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Bureau letter dated July 27, 1935, there are transmitted to the Bureau and to the offices listed below, copies of a letter written by Dolores Delaney, who is confined in the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan, to her mother, Mrs. Helen Delaney, and copies of a letter addressed to Dolores Delaney from Amos Travis of the South Florida Motor Sales Company, Inc.

Very truly yours,

*W. J. West*  
W. J. West  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc-St. Paul  
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Milan, Michigan

Box 1000

Oct. 28, 1935.

Dearest Mother;

I was so worried because I didn't hear from you sooner. I couldn't imagine what was wrong. Your letter was just exactly a week getting here - wonderful service, isn't it? I haven't heard from Mugs or Babe this month so I'm not going to write to them. Do you think I ought to?

Excuse my writing, Mumsy, I am shaking like a leaf. I just got through scrubbing and when I say scrubbing I really mean it. You should just see me working. I am getting better every day in every way.

Gee, honey, do you really mean Mugs is finally going to marry Dick and settle down? I can hardly believe it. He is an awfully nice kid but I don't really think Mugs loves him as much as she should to marry him, do you? I'd like to see her with her own place and happy but if she doesn't love him I'd rather she would wait and some day the right man will come along. If she should marry and then fall in love with someone else later on she would miss so much.

Gee, I sure wish Pat could make parole - that would be perfectly swell. I heard he had a hold on him up in Wisconsin and anyone with a hold can't make parole. Does he have to go there and stand trial when he's through where he's at - or what? Find out for me, will you? When you write him say "hello" for me and tell him I wish him all the luck in the world. Send me his address and I will try to get permission to write him.

Yes, Mumsy, Sundays are terribly long days here. Every minute is like an hour. Today is Sunday, too, and also a dreary one. We are all sitting around here looking at each other like a bunch of monkeys in a cage.

My hair is still falling out an awful lot. The doctor gave me some oil to rub into my scalp. Wynona rubs it in for me and then we put real hot towels on it. Getting hot oil treatments in a pen is good, isn't it? The only things really wrong with me is my leg and my eyes. This damp weather makes my leg ache dreadfully. You tell me to try and forget everything but even if I wanted to how could I - with a souvenir like that?

Mr. and Mrs. Karpis came to see me a week ago last Friday and brought "Little Ray" along. He looked so sweet and he's getting so big that by the time I get out he will be taller than I am. (You know I am only a quarter of an inch over five feet) His eyes are so big and blue and his hair is real light - what little there is of it. You see, they keep his head shaved so as to make it thicker. He looked just like



eat big doll. He trys terribly hard to walk but he can't do it yet. He's doing his best to talk, too, and he says "mama" just as big as you see. Gee, do you think by any chance he knew I was his Mother. He had at me so solemn that I swear I think he did. They said they would to bring him back again when he is about a year old. Maybe you will be able to come with them then - think so? Try to come as soon as possible want to see you so badly.

Gee, Wynona, was so excited yesterday and today. Her sister, Mother, came all the way from Oklahoma to see her. She was here for an hour yesterday and because she had come so far they gave her permission to come back for an hour today. Pretty nifty, huh? She told Wynona she wished she could have seen me and I'd have liked to have seen her. She is awfully sweet and pretty.

Oh, Mumsy, I have a question to ask you. How did I get that scar on my neck. I have had an argument about it. I said it was from having my throat lanced and the party I argued with said it was a birthmark and not a cut scar. Was it or was it not? I'd sure like to know.

I'm so glad you let me know how you felt about my not talking. I thought you would agree with me but I wasn't quite sure. Of course, I really didn't know a thing to tell them as I never went anywhere or met any people. You were right about that picture, too, honey. You see, I've never been in Cincinnati in my life - so it just couldn't have been me.

Oh, I almost forgot to tell you I got some new glasses last week. My old one's weren't near strong enough. My eyes seem to have been getting weaker ever since my operation and I am dreadfully near-sighted. I can see much better with the new ones.

Have you heard anything about my baby (my biggest one) lately? I do hope every thing is okay - I worry so much about him. Who ever wrote that business saying "You must know the heights of happiness the depths of despair to know love" was sure right. Sometimes I think I'll go crazy and then at times like that I can almost see you and hear you saying that everything happens for the best. I try dreadfully to believe it but it's so hard. Gee, Mummy, Faith is a wonderful thing to have. I have faith in so few things and people and I guess most folks would say they were the wrong things & people to believe in. It's strange how different every one is. Well, enough of that.

Say, when are you going to send me that picture you had enlarged? I can hardly wait. I want to see how you look and the one's you sent me

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are too small to be able to distinguish anything. I wish I could have pictures of you all, Babe, Jean, Daddy, Francis, and any one else. I have one of Bud but I don't think it looks so very much like him.

Hey, what's happened to "Old Dutch?" You haven't ever mentioned him. Does he still "love" me as much as ever. Yes, and how about "Singing Sam"? Baby, I'll bet he thinks I'm a dandy, doesn't he? Is he working yet? Does he still come up for lunch? Write and tell me about them all - please? I often wonder what has happened to them all. How is Johnny? You know, the janitor - and also Sis & Darie? I'm not even curious about the Mrs. Have you seen Tommy? you know the boy I used to run around with long, long ago. I can sit here and think of more people I used to know and I wonder about them all and what they think about me. I suppose every one said "I told you so". - It would be just like most of them.

Wynona said to say "hello" and to give you her love. She said she would sure love to meet you. I know you would like her a lot.

I'll say goodbye now, Mumsy, with love and kisses from your own baby -

Dolores

P. S. Please don't forget the pictures - If you can - take some snaps of Lake Michigan from South Shore Drive. Puh-lease.

SOUTH FLORIDA MOTOR SALES COMPANY, INC.

Miami, Florida

OCTOBER 25, 1935

Miss Dolores Delaney,  
P. O. Box 1000  
Milan, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

I have for acknowledgement your letter of recent date and if you are interested in disposing of this car I will be willing to give you about \$275.00 for same in view of the fact that it will cost me considerable money to get it back to the states.

This of course will be subject to my being able to obtain proper papers on the car and being able to get delivery of same in Havana which of course you know is in the hands of the Cuban police.

If you are interested in this matter further I will be more than glad to hear from you.

Yours very truly,

Amos Travis

Credit Manager

P. S. If you are not interested in this outright offer I will endeavor to sell same in Havana and give you what we can get less some commission for my handling same.

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October 31, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.; EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim; KIDNAPING, there is being returned to your office by Railway Express the Underwood Portable Typewriter, serial #596064, found at 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, on Saturday, September 8, 1934.

Government Bill of Lading No. J-75920 covering the shipment of this typewriter will be forwarded your office within the next several days.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
October 29, 1935

Mr. John J. Ryan  
Superintendent  
U. S. Detention Home  
Milan, Michigan

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, wa - FUGITIVE  
I.O. #1218; et al;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith a letter written by Dolores Delaney, an inmate of your institution, to her mother, Mrs. Helen Delaney.

The contents of this letter have been carefully scrutinized and appear to contain no information of value.

Thanking you for your interest and co-operation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

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Enc.  
cc-Bureau ✓

W. J. West  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 2118  
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Mr. John J. Ryan  
Superintendent  
U. S. Detention Home  
Milan, Michigan

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith a  
letter written by Robert Delaney to Dolores Delaney,  
an inmate of your institution.

The contents of this letter have  
been carefully scrutinized and appear to contain no  
information of value.

Thanking you for your interest  
and cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

AAM:EA  
Inclosure  
cc - Bureau

W. J. West  
Special Agent in Charge

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DIRECTOR

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REPORT MADE AT Milwaukee, Wisconsin	DATE WHEN MADE 10/31/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/15, 21, 30/35	REPORT MADE BY T. G. MELVIN
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239, ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:		<p>Belle Born arrived Milwaukee, Wis. 8:45 P.M. 10-15-35; accompanied to Waukegan, Ill. by Agents Suran, Kirkland, and writer. Belle Born departed Waukegan, Ill. 10-21-35 for Milwaukee, Wis. Movements covered in Milwaukee by Agents Sullivan and Madala of Chicago and S.A.C. Peterson of Milwaukee. Investigation discloses that there is no record at Wis. State Chamber of Commerce of town in Wis. which has recently sprung up by reason of a gold discovery.</p>	
REFERENCE:		<p>Letter from S.A.C. Connelley dated at Chicago, Ill. 9-9-35 to the Detroit Office; teletype to the Director from Milwaukee Office dated 10-15-35; teletype from S.A.C. Connelley to the Director dated 10-21-35.</p>	
DETAILS:		<p>On October 15, 1935, Acting Special Agent in Charge C. Stein of the St. Paul Bureau Office advised Special Agent in Charge V. W. Peterson over long distance telephone that Special Agent R. C. Suran and other Agents had been keeping Belle Born, who is the paramour of Charles J. Fitzgerald, under surveillance at Mankato, Minnesota for the past two months. Acting Special Agent in Charge Stein stated that he had received information that Belle Born was planning to leave St. Paul, Minnesota on the Chicago &amp; North Western "400" train for either Milwaukee, Wisconsin or Chicago, Illinois; further, that it was desired that two Agents from the Milwaukee Bureau</p>	
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>V. W. Peterson</i>		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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Office meet the train at Milwaukee upon its arrival and in the event a stop was made at Milwaukee, Belle Born should be followed to her destination.

Special Agent in Charge V. W. Peterson and the writer met the "400" as it arrived in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at 8:45 P.M. on October 15, 1935. Belle Born hurriedly got off the "400", purchased another railroad ticket, and departed on a local Chicago & North Western train. This train was boarded by Special Agents R. C. Suran and M. V. Kirkland, who had followed Belle Born to Milwaukee, and the writer. The writer ascertained from the conductor that Belle Born had purchased a ticket for Waukegan, Illinois. This information was transmitted to Special Agent R. C. Suran, who advised Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley by telephone when the train stopped at Racine, Wisconsin.

After her arrival in Waukegan, Illinois, Belle Born was kept under surveillance by Agents of the Chicago Bureau Office until October 21, 1935, when Belle Born proceeded to Milwaukee, Wisconsin on the Hiawatha of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad, arriving in Milwaukee at 2:17 P.M. Her movements in Milwaukee were covered by Agents Sullivan and Madala of the Chicago Office, who had followed Belle Born to Milwaukee, and Special Agent in Charge V. W. Peterson of the Milwaukee Office. Special Agents Sullivan and Madala departed on the same train with Belle Born for St. Paul.

Agent interviewed Mr. E. H. Krueger, General Secretary, Wisconsin State Chamber of Commerce, Bankers Building, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who stated that he knew of no towns which have recently sprung up in Wisconsin as a result of the discovery of gold. He stated, however, that he had a dim recollection of reading in the paper several weeks ago that gold had been discovered somewhere in Canada, Wisconsin, Michigan, or Minnesota; further, that he could not recall anything more definite relative thereto, but believed he saw the news item, which was a very small one in the Milwaukee Journal.

Inquiry was made at the morgue of the Milwaukee Journal without results.

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Room 1403  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

October 28, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Re: [redacted] Informant  
Stolen Bonds; Arthur Greenfield, et al.  
N.Y. File 87-10; Alvin Karpis, w.a.,  
I.O. 1218 - Fugitive, et al, N.Y.  
File 7-180.

Dear Sir:

During the afternoon of Sunday, October 27, 1935, [redacted] telephoned the New York Bureau office, and stated that he had some information regarding stolen bonds and would be glad to communicate same to an agent of the New York Bureau office who might interview him at [redacted]

[redacted] by Special Agent (A) Joseph A. [redacted] and Special Agent J. A. Smith, Jr. He advised that he is an [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he has been informed by one Leonard Liepmann, an attorney, who has offices on Saratoga Street, Baltimore, Md., that he, Liepmann, some eight months ago defended an individual in Baltimore, Md., before a United States Commissioner in proceedings in which the defendant was charged under the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. This individual was supposed to have had a guilty connection with some eleven automobiles which had been stolen, and later recovered while being transported to Florida. This individual was allegedly released by the United States Commissioner at Baltimore, Md. after Liepmann had prepared certain papers indicating that the defendant in the proceedings had been only a financier and had no guilty knowledge concerning the stolen automobiles. [redacted] indicated that these papers prepared by Liepmann were not bonafide. [redacted] stated that it is his understanding that there was only one defendant present before the United States Commissioner, the other party upon whom all blame in the matter was placed having not as yet been apprehended.

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After this individual was released Liepmann was stated to have advised him to return to New York City to plead guilty to charges brought either in state or federal court because of this individual having obtained certain cash, jewelry, and securities from a widow who resided in New York City either through fraudulent representations or through theft. This individual was understood by [redacted] to have received a sentence of one year and one day, and to be presently serving this sentence in some penal institution in New York State. [redacted] advised that he had heard this individual's name on several occasions but that he is now not able to remember a thing.

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b7D [redacted] stated that Liepman told him that he now has possession of some \$22,000.00 in securities which were given him by the individual released on hearing before the Commissioner in Baltimore, Md. and that these securities have been now found by Liepman to be stolen and are allegedly a part of the property taken from the New York widow. [redacted] also stated that Liepman made inquiry of the Equitable Trust Company of Baltimore, Md. for information regarding the value of the securities in his possession and that the Equitable Trust Company furnished quotations to Liepman by letter. [redacted] advised that he had seen the letter written to Liepman by the Equitable Trust Company and that this letter included numbers of the various securities mentioned therein. [redacted] further advised that Liepman does business with the Equitable Trust Company and that a copy of the letter written to Liepman should be contained in the Equitable Trust Company's file on Liepman.

Further information furnished by [redacted] was to the effect that a safety deposit box key had been forwarded to Liepman after his client's incarceration either by the client or by the client's wife who was stated by [redacted] to have been, at one time, in Texas. Liepman was stated by [redacted] to have known that the safety deposit box which was located in a bank somewhere in Baltimore, Md. contained many thousand dollars in stolen securities in addition to a quantity of cash and stolen jewels. Liepman was stated to have been afraid to open the safety deposit box and take the contents thereof into his possession as requested and to have advised the individual who communicated with him that the safety deposit box could not be touched inasmuch as it was being constantly watched by police.

[redacted] believes that the stolen securities now in possession of Liepman in addition to the contents of the safety deposit box will be secured by Liepman's client upon his release from the New York State Penal Institution in which he is now confined.

[redacted] was not able to furnish the name of the individual from whom the securities, jewels and cash were supposed to have been taken in New York City but stated that it was his understanding that Liepman's client secured the goods and securities through the courtship of the widow, and through marriage proposals, etc.

Further information, apparently erroneous, furnished [redacted] was to the effect that [redacted]

[redacted] was approached by an individual known to him only as "Nichols" who, together with his wife, had been in Europe for approximately two years.



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[REDACTED] had advised him that the young man known as Nicholas is really a brother of Alvin Karpis. [REDACTED] was stated to have formerly had some connection with Nicholas in Atlanta, Ga. and [REDACTED] also was stated to be acquainted with Alvin Karpis but not to have seen him in several years. Information relative to Nicholas being a brother of Karpis is evidently false but it is thought barely possible that [REDACTED] presently of St. Louis, Mo. may be an acquaintance of Karpis and accordingly a copy of this letter is being sent to the St. Louis office in addition to the Chicago and Cincinnati offices. It is being left to the office of origin in the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O. 1218 - Fugitive, et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act to decide what prosecution, if any, will be made concerning [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also stated that Phil Reuter, who was formerly a member of the Capone gang of Chicago, Ill. and who is now stopping at the Southern Hotel, Baltimore, Md. is acquainted with the individual who was defended before the United States Commissioner at Baltimore by Leonard Liepman. [REDACTED] also stated that the individual defended by Liepman was living in a Baltimore apartment-hotel while police and government agents were looking for him and that this individual also stopped at the Southern Hotel in Baltimore, Md. without being registered at that hotel. Liepman was stated to have made the arrangements for this individual to stop at the Southern Hotel without being registered.

[REDACTED] inasmuch as his conversation indicated that he was familiar with race track habitués of Baltimore, Md. was questioned regarding Aaron Greenfeld, a subject in New York Bureau file 87-10, entitled Aaron Greenfeld; Frank Cole; William Berman; Leokravitz alias "Pop"; Harry Leitner alias Henry Leitner; National Stolen Property Act.

[REDACTED] admitted acquaintance with Aaron Greenfeld and seemed to be familiar with proceedings brought in Federal Court at Baltimore, Md. charging Greenfeld with violation of the National Stolen Property Act. [REDACTED] denied acquaintance with Frank Cole, and stated that it was his opinion that Greenfeld had done considerable betting at Baltimore race tracks and at other race tracks for the sole purpose of disposing of stolen securities and that Greenfeld had never acted as a "legitimate" race track commissioner or "bookie". [REDACTED] was questioned regarding Frank Cole who was alleged by Greenfeld to have been the person who gave him (Greenfeld) stolen securities negotiated by him. [REDACTED] was not in possession of any information regarding Cole and stated that it was his opinion that Greenfeld had manufactured the name of the person supposed to have furnished Greenfeld the securities, the reason therefor being that Greenfeld had become so deeply involved with a stolen securities ring that he was afraid to "squawk".

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A copy of this letter is being inserted in New York Bureau  
File No. 87-10, the title of which is as given above.

[redacted] did not give any reason for his having been willing to furnish this information to the New York Bureau office other than to state that he thought the widow from whom the securities were taken and from whom other property was allegedly taken should receive the property and that the man who fraudulently came into possession of the property should not be allowed to again come into possession of same upon being released from the penal institution in which he is now confined. [redacted] repeatedly stated that Liepman is a friend of his, and requested that his name not be mentioned in any connection with this case, stating that if Liepman were approached regarding this matter he, Liepman, would know immediately that [redacted] had talked. It appears, however, that [redacted] may have some ill feeling toward Liepman though he stated that Liepman is [redacted] information furnished by [redacted] has not been shown to be related to any file now in the New York Bureau office with the exception of information furnished by him regarding Aaron Greenfeld and regarding Alvin Karpis.

[redacted] was not pressed for a description of Leonard Liepman inasmuch as it was thought that a description of him could easily be obtained at Baltimore, Md. and inasmuch as [redacted] insisted that Liepman should not be prosecuted or molested in this matter.

Agents were given no reason to disbelieve [redacted] other than the apparently erroneous information furnished by him regarding "Nichols".

[redacted] name is being set out by the writer in this matter in order that his various connections with individuals mentioned herein may be better shown and it was thought to be advisable that all offices be furnished with his name rather than for his name to be transmitted to the Director by Personal and Confidential communication. However, it is believed that [redacted] name should not be revealed in any investigation of this matter inasmuch as he might prove to be a valuable source of information in Baltimore, Md. A copy of this letter is being transmitted to the Washington Field office and it is requested that that office conduct appropriate investigation at the United States Commissioner's office or offices at Baltimore, Md. in an effort to identify the person defended by Leonard Liepman some six or eight months ago in a National Motor Vehicle Theft case involving the theft of some eleven automobiles which were being transported to Florida. In the event that the Washington Field office is successful in identifying this individual without approaching Liepman the New York Bureau office may be requested to ascertain the present whereabouts of this individual. [redacted] stated that he believes that the individual defended by Liepman will tell everything he knows in the event that he is properly



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questioned by an agent who has sufficient facts with which to confront the individual. It, therefore, appears that the New York Bureau office may question this individual after his identity is ascertained in an attempt to ascertain location of the safety deposit box in Baltimore, Md. wherein the securities alleged to have been transferred from New York to Baltimore are located. It further appears that the Washington Field office should conduct appropriate discreet inquiry at the Equitable Trust Company, Baltimore, Md. in an attempt to ascertain the identity of securities regarding which inquiry was made by Leonard Leipman of Baltimore, Md.

No investigation is being conducted at this time by the New York Bureau office regarding this matter, and none will be conducted pending receipt of advice from the Washington Field office.

It is here noted that [redacted] stated that he might be contacted at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, Md., telephones, Plaza 1305 and Plaza 9400 and requested that any contact made with him be made in a very discreet manner. [redacted] appeared to be very much afraid that his name would become linked with the investigation by this office.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

cc NY File 67-10 (2)  
cc NY File 7-120 (2)  
cc-Chicago  
cc-Washington  
cc-St. Louis  
cc-Cincinnati

POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS



October 31, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with  
aliases, I.O. 1237; HARRY CAMPBELL  
with aliases, I.O. 1236; WILLIAM J.  
HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239 et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim - KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

In reply to your letter of October 30, 1935, I am transmitting  
herewith enlarged copy of photograph made from the negative which  
was forwarded to this office from Cincinnati.

Mrs. Thompson advised that she does not know the identity of the  
first person appearing in the photograph, reading from left to right;  
that the second person is a priest, name unknown, who is friendly  
towards subject Donald and Myrtle Eaton; that the third person is  
Mr. Marsh, the fourth person Myrtle Eaton, and the fifth person Mrs.  
Marsh, the Marshes being friends of Myrtle Eaton and Phoenix Donald  
while they were residing in Allendale, Florida.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,

Special Agent in Charge,

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318 Security Building  
Phoenix, Arizona

October 26, 1935

Mr. J. H. Haynes, Postmaster  
Gadsden, Arizona

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 24, 1935 in which you advise as to location of one Homer Harris.

The agent who made enquiry of you relative to Harris located him subsequent to the time of his interview with you.

If at any time I can be of service to you, please do not hesitate to call on this office.

Very truly yours,

CHAPMAN FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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November 1, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
San Antonio, Texas.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

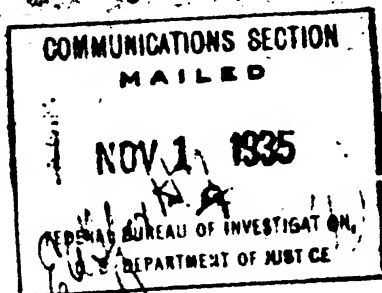
Dear Sir:

In the light of information which has recently been  
obtained with regard to the death of Doctor Joseph P. Moran,  
please be informed that you may disregard the Bureau's  
request to conduct investigation in Mexico, in an effort to  
locate Doctor Moran.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc- St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
E.J. Connelley - Chicago



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November 1, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer, VICTIM,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Assistant Special Agent in Charge J. E. Hanson, of the New York Office, has informed me that the original signed statements obtained from Cassius McDonald and his wife were transmitted to the United States Attorney's Office at Jacksonville, Florida with copies of the report of Special Agent Hanson dated at Jacksonville, February 20, 1935.

It is suggested that the originals of these signed statements be obtained and forwarded to the United States Attorney's Office at St. Paul, Minnesota, for such assistance as they may be to him in the prosecution of Cassius McDonald at that point on or about November 12, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 23, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Fugitive,  
I.O. #1218 - et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim - Kidnaping.

Edna Murray, presently incarcerated in the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri has recently been interviewed and has expressed a desire to assist the Government in any way possible, and stated that she would be willing to go wherever needed to testify in behalf of the Government. She stated that if she ever began talking things would certainly be stirred up in St. Paul; that were it not for Tom Brown and Bill Crumbley of the St. Paul Police Department the Bremer kidnaping could not have been successfully accomplished; and that certain members of this mob would have been in jail long since. She has furnished information regarding the association of Sawyer with the Barker-Karpis gang prior to, during, and after the Bremer kidnaping, and is willing to testify to the same.

She stated that Harry Sawyer had an "in" with the St. Paul Police Department and on one occasion warned them to evacuate their apartment for a few days in view of an anticipated police raid. Edna Murray stated that on the day after the Bremer kidnaping at about 10:00 A.M., Pat Reilly, (notoriously mentioned in the Dillinger case) who worked in Sawyer's place as a bartender, came to their apartment advising Volney that Harry Sawyer wanted to see him and Edna at his farm. Wynony Burdette and Paula Harmon were also present in the apartment at this time. She stated that when she and Volney Davis arrived at Sawyer's farm he was standing on the front porch apparently waiting for Volney and Edna; that Volney left the car and talked to Sawyer for about five minutes; that when Volney returned to the car Sawyer followed him and Edna overheard him say, "The town is sure full of fire and full of G-Men".

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Edna Murray advised that while they were living in the vicinity of Vermilion, Ohio during the summer of 1934, Fred Barker and Volney Davis entered into an argument in which Edna heard Volney say, "Well, you see, A.M. give me my share, I'm leaving"; that a few minutes thereafter Sawyer approached her in front of the cottage and remarked, "The damn Feds did it".

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know what they were arguing about". On another occasion she overheard an argument between Volney Davis and Fred Barker in which Volney told Fred that he had waited long enough for his money and that he was broke. Edna also heard Sawyer at this time say that he was likewise waiting for his money.

Edna Murray also advised that it was Volney Davis and not Alvin Karpis who purchased the flash-light and batteries at the F. and W. Grand Silver Store in St. Paul; and that Davis frequently lamented the fact that he had done this. She stated that it was also Davis who delivered all of the ransom notes in St. Paul and vicinity.

She advised that Tom Brown, who was then Chief of Detectives of the St. Paul Police Department was to receive \$10,000 as his share of the ransom in return for which he was bound to keep the gang advised of the developments in the case. You will recall that on one occasion the Bremer family was not able to make the pay-off demanded by the gang due to the time lock on the safe in which the money was kept. This information was obtained by Tom Brown, according to Edna Murray, and transmitted to the gang in consequence of which other plans were devised which ultimately resulted in the payment of the ransom.

Respectfully,

*K. R. McIntire*

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October 21, 1935

**PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL**

Mr. E. E. Anderson,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 415,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1234,  
et al; Edward George Bremer, Victim, KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent John L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois, dated October 17, 1935. It is observed, however, that the Omaha, Oklahoma City and Detroit Offices did not receive copies of this report.

For the information of the offices not receiving copies of this report, it is stated that Edna Murray, who is presently incarcerated in the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, was recently interviewed, at which time she made the statement that the small fellows were serving time for the instant kidnaping, while the "big shots", who were actually responsible for the abduction, were above suspicion. She stated that if she ever began talking, things would be stirred up in St. Paul and she further stated that if it were not for Tom Brown, who was once Chief of Police in St. Paul, who was also once Chief of Detectives and who is presently a member of the Detective Bureau, and Bill Crumley, who is also a member of the Detective Bureau of the St. Paul Police Department, the Bremer kidnaping could not have been successfully accomplished and that certain members of this mob would have been in jail long since.

Edna Murray advised that Harry Sawyer had "an in" with the St. Paul Police Department and on one occasion warned her and Volney Davis to evacuate their apartment for a few days in view of an anticipated police raid. She also advised that at about 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the day after the Bremer kidnaping, Pat Gailly, mentioned in the Billinger case who worked in Sawyer's saloon as a bartender, came to the apartment occupied by Volney Davis and Edna Murray, advising Volney that Harry Sawyer wanted to see him and Edna Murray at his farm. Wynona Burdette and Paul Harmon were also present in the apartment at this time. Edna Murray stated that when she and Volney Davis arrived

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at Sawyer's farm he was standing on the front porch, apparently waiting for Volney and Edna; that Volney left the car and talked to Sawyer for about five minutes; that when Volney returned to the car Sawyer followed him and Edna overheard him say "the town is sure full of fire and full of G men".

Edna Murray has advised that Tom Brown, who was Chief of Detectives, St. Paul Police Department, was to receive \$10,000 as his share of the ransom, in return for which he was bound to keep the gang advised of the developments in the case. It will be recalled that on one occasion the Bremer family was not able to make the pay off demanded by the gang, due to the time lock on the safe in which the money was kept. This information, according to Edna Murray, was obtained by Tom Brown and transmitted to the gang, in consequence of which other plans were devised which ultimately resulted in the payment of the ransom.

The Bureau has obtained information from Volney Davis to the effect that Tom Brown was to receive \$20,000 of the Bremer ransom money, less expenses; that although he took no active part in the abduction, he was well acquainted with all of the activities of the Bremer home and the St. Paul Police Department after the kidnaping and was to furnish the information to the gang so that safe contacts could be made in delivering the ransom notes and obtaining the ransom money. He has informed, however, that none of the ransom money was ever paid to Tom Brown, because it was felt by members of the gang that Brown was responsible for the death of Homer Van Meter. Volney Davis has also alleged that Tom Brown was the "finger man" in the Hamm kidnaping, which was likewise perpetrated by members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Edna Murray has indicated that Harry Sawyer may have secured Tom Brown's services in assisting members of the Barker-Karpis gang during the Bremer kidnap period. Edna Murray has not disclosed any information with regard to the part which Bill Crumbley may have played in connection with the activities of the Barker-Karpis group, merely making the allegation that he was involved in the Bremer matter.

I have a very personal interest in developing all of the information which is available with regard to the participation of Tom Brown, Bill Crumbley and Harry Sawyer in the activities of the Barker-Karpis gang. It is, therefore, requested that the offices receiving copies of this letter immediately make inquiries of Volney Davis, Wynona Burdette, Marie Marian Conforti, Bessie Green, Jess Doyle, Irene Dorsey, Bryan Bolton and Pat Reilly. It is my desire that complete reports covering

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interviews with the above mentioned persons be submitted to the Bureau not later than November 15, 1935.

The attention of the Oklahoma City Office is directed to the fact that Pat Reilly, who was then a bartender for Harry Sawyer, went to the apartment of Volney Davis and Edna Murray at the specific request of Harry Sawyer and had Davis and Murray visit Sawyer at the latter's farm. It is also noted that Reilly was a close associate of Dillinger, Homer Van Meter, Tommy Carroll and "Baby Face" Nelson and others who frequented Harry Sawyer's saloon in St. Paul; further, that Pat Reilly was a bartender for Harry Sawyer for a considerable period of time. It is requested that Reilly be interviewed at the El Reno Reformatory very thoroughly, for all information in his possession with regard to the activities or the conversations of Sawyer immediately prior to the Bremer kidnaping or immediately after the abduction. It is believed that he will be able to furnish information with regard to the association of Sawyer with other members of the Barker-Karpis group during this period and it is believed that sincere efforts should be made to induce Reilly to testify in behalf of the Government. It is requested that this interview be conducted immediately by an Agent who is thoroughly familiar with the facts in the Bremer case and that a report be submitted in the matter not later than November 15, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-E. J. Connelley - Chicago  
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REPORT MADE AT <b>Indianapolis, Indiana</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11-1-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-17, 18-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>G. B. O'CONNELL</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Information furnished at Fort Wayne, Indiana, to the effect that one James E. Hamilton may be identical with Subject Harry Campbell. Hamilton fingerprinted and found not to be identical with Subject Campbell.

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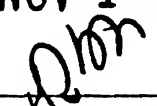
**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent in Charge H. H. Reinecke, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated September 21, 1935.

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AT FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

While at police headquarters in Fort Wayne Agent overheard telephone conversation in which Detective Frank Longardner of the Fort Wayne Police Department was engaged, and it was determined that the unknown party at the other end was inquiring as to whether or not Subject Harry Campbell, with aliases, I. O. #1236, had been taken into custody. Upon being advised that he had not, the caller suggested ability to give information pertaining to his whereabouts. Accompanied by Detectives Frank Longardner and Martin Kaymeyer Agent visited Mrs. M. M. Smith, 212 West Superior Street, who originated the call to Detective Longardner, and she displayed picture of Subject Campbell which she had removed from a Detective Magazine, and stated that she believed she had engaged in conversation with this party while she was employed as a night waitress in the restaurant of George Lee at Harrison and Superior Streets, Fort Wayne, for a period of about one week.

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When shown Bureau Identification Order No. 1236, she said that this was not as good a likeness of the party with whom she spoke as was the picture she had observed in the magazine just the night before she telephoned Detective Longardner.

Continuing, Mrs. Smith said that the party with whom she engaged in conversation confined his conversation principally to his exploits in the World War, but that he would give little information as to where he is from or anything pertaining to his history, other than to state emphatically that never again would he engage in warfare. Mrs. Smith said that this individual had informed her that while in Fort Wayne he resided in the 1100 block of West Main Street, and that he was presently engaged in selling mops, a supply of which he left with Mrs. Smith just prior to his departure from Fort Wayne when he said that he was leaving to represent the Hoff-Brau Brewing Company as a beer salesman. Agent examined the mops which were left with Mrs. Smith and noted that they were marked Lion Products Company, 1628 East Main Street, Springfield, Ohio. Upon leaving these mops with Mrs. Smith, the stranger told her that his name was James E. Hamilton of 101 North 11th Street, Newcastle, Indiana, and left with her two envelopes addressed to him at the above address, the envelopes being on stationery of the Hoff-brau Brewing Corporation, Fort Wayne, Indiana. The stranger asked of Mrs. Smith that she endeavor to sell the mops and if she should be successful to send him the proceeds in the addressed envelopes he had left with her.

Mrs. Smith was unable to give very much of a description of this party, but said he was about 5' 6" in height; weighed about 160 pounds; that he wore a cap all the time and she could not see his hair; but that he appeared to be neatly dressed and spoke nicely; that she had not observed any scars and Hamilton did not appear to her to have been at all crippled. She said that she had neglected to observe his teeth. Continuing, Mrs. Smith said that when Hamilton left he stated that he would return in about three weeks, and that she thinks his departure was about the 21st of September and accordingly she believed that he was due back at any time. She said she had never seen Hamilton intoxicated and that he had told her he drinks nothing but beer. The handwriting of Hamilton on the envelope which he left with Mrs. Smith seems to offer a fair comparison as to the capital "H" used in "Hamilton" with the "H" used in "Harry" in the signature of Harry Campbell on Bureau Identification Order No. 1236, and the "C" in "New Castle", while not exactly comparable to the "C" in the signature of Campbell, does appear as though it could have been written by the same individual.

John A. Berghoff, General Manager of the Hoff-brau Brewery, 801 Glasge Avenue was shown the picture of Harry Campbell which Mrs. Smith had removed from the Detective Magazine and said that he could not consider this picture as resembling any of his employees. Agent inquired as to whether or not a James E. Hamilton of 101 North Eleventh Street, New Castle, Indiana, was a salesman for the Hoff-brau Brewery and upon being advised by Mr. Berghoff that they had such a representative, Agent displayed Bureau Identification Order No. 1236 which Mr. Berghoff thought was more of a resemblance of James E.



Hamilton than was the magazine photograph. Before displaying the Bureau Identification Order to Mr. Berghoff, Agent inquired as to a description of James E. Hamilton, and the first thing that Mr. Berghoff remarked was that Hamilton had bad teeth. He then described Hamilton as being between 35 and 45 years of age, and rather disheveled looking, about five feet nine inches in height and weighing about 165 pounds; dark hair which was rather thin; sallow complexion; dark eyes; and Mr. Berghoff said he was certain that Hamilton walked with a limp. As to the appearance of Hamilton, Mr. Berghoff said that the coat and vest he wore did not match his trousers; that he appeared to be in very straitened circumstances; that he wore a cheap, greenish brown, coarse-knit top coat and on one of his visits he had worn a cap, and on another occasion a felt hat. Mr. Berghoff then displayed for Agent's examination a letter written by Hamilton on October 12, 1935 from New Castle, Indiana, stating that he was badly in need of \$125 by the middle of the following week. Mr. Berghoff said that he did not plan to keep Hamilton as a representative since he did not expect he would meet with success. Mr. Berghoff further displayed for Agent's examination application by Hamilton for a bond which Mr. Berghoff said he was not going to file inasmuch as Hamilton would not be continued in the employ of the Hoff-brau Brewery. The only information obtainable thereon was that Hamilton gave his address as previously mentioned in New Castle, Indiana, and set out the following references:

A. F. Burns, care of Court House, New Castle  
Carl Strother, care of Court House, New Castle  
Ida Van Matre, 101 North Eleventh Street, New Castle

Concluding, Mr. Berghoff said that at New Castle, Agent was more likely to be able to contact Hamilton through the Smith Jackson Distributing Company and since he had recently sold them a small order, he was soliciting them regularly for the purpose of obtaining a larger share of their business.

#### AT NEW CASTLE, INDIANA

Agent contacted Will Hudson, Superintendent of Mails, New Castle Post Office, and during this interview Maurice Goodwin, Postmaster, who had not been available when Agent originally tried to contact him entered the office. The following information was furnished by Messrs. Hudson and Goodwin. James E. Hamilton does not appear on the books of the mail carrier serving 101 North Eleventh Street and he is unknown to Messrs. Hudson and Goodwin; that Mrs. Ida Van Matre is an elderly woman, a widow, and a resident at 101

North Eleventh Street for a number of years. Mr. Hudson said that Mrs. Van Matre had married an old neighbor of his and that he considered Mrs. Van Matre a reliable person, and that he personally would contact her in any matter.

A. F. Burns is County Superintendent of Schools and Carl Strothers is Bailiff in the Henry County Court at New Castle, Indiana. Agent was advised that both Mr. Burns and Mr. Strothers would be reliable contacts.

At the Smith Jackson Distributing Company, 210 South 18th Street, Mr. Goodwin said that Mr. H. L. Smith is the person to contact and that he too is very well known, Mr. Goodwin adding that he had spent the previous evening at the home of Mr. Smith.

H. L. Smith, in the office of the Smith Jackson Distributing Company, 212 South 18th Street, stated that James E. Hamilton had been soliciting him for about the past month as a representative of the Hoff-brau Brewing Company of Fort Wayne, Indiana; that when Hamilton first contacted Mr. Smith he acted as though he had known him for a number of years, but Mr. Smith said that he had no recollection of a previous meeting with Hamilton.

Continuing, Mr. Smith said that Hamilton usually called at his office every day or so and after looking at Bureau Identification Order No. 1236 said that he could not be at all certain that Hamilton was identical with Subject Harry Campbell, but that he would more closely observe Hamilton on his next call.

At the office of A. F. Burns, County Superintendent of Schools, Henry County Court House, Agent was advised that Mr. Burns was attending a teachers convention at Indianapolis and was not expected to return for several days.

Carl Strothers, Bailiff, Henry County, when contacted at the Court House stated that he knew a James Ernest Hamilton for a period of about fifteen years, but that he knew him more intimately as Ernest Hamilton. Hamilton, he said, was married and had a family living at Middletown, Indiana; that he had encountered marital difficulties, and that presently a divorce action was pending. He said that he believed Hamilton was presently residing with Mrs. Van Matre on Eleventh Street, and that the Hamilton he knew had not served in the World War, but had farmed practically all of his life. He described Hamilton as being about 45 to 48 years of age; about five feet, eight inches tall; and weighing about 165 pounds. Concluding, he said he had not seen Hamilton in several months, but had never known of this individual's being in any difficulties with the law.

Mrs. Ida Van Matre, 101 North Eleventh Street, stated that she had a James Ernest Hamilton rooming with her, and that he had been there for a period of about two years. Shortly after he came there, he became employed



with the Chrysler Automobile Company at New Castle, Indiana, but that several months ago he had hurt his hand and had been unable to return to the Chrysler Company; that recently he had been selling mops, but for the past several weeks had been around New Castle, Indiana. When Agent inquired as to where Hamilton was at the moment, Mrs. Van Matre said he was in his room, and when Agent requested, she called Hamilton down stairs. From observation, Agent could not see any resemblance between James Ernest Hamilton and the pictures of Subject Campbell, either as appeared in the Detective Magazine or as set out in Bureau Identification Order No. 1236. From observation and questioning the following description of Hamilton was set out:

Name:	JAMES ERNEST HAMILTON
Age:	45 (born 4-10-1890, Henry County, Indiana)
Height:	5' 8"
Weight:	160 pounds
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Dark brown
Eyes:	Brown
Complexion:	Medium sallow
Teeth:	Three front teeth missing
Scars and marks:	None noted
Peculiarities:	Right hand crippled by rheumatism
Criminal record:	None

Mr. Hamilton stated that he had not served in the World War, and that he had never made his home in any place other than Henry County, Indiana. He said he had been away from New Castle for a short while attempting to sell mops, but that he had not been successful and had recently obtained a position as salesman for the Hoff-brau Brewing Company of Fort Wayne, and that he represents them in several of the southern counties of the State of Indiana. He said he had been employed by the Chrysler Automobile Company at New Castle, Indiana, from August to October 1933, and again from December 1933 to January 1935; that while with Chrysler he had hurt his wrist which had given him considerable trouble since, and that from this accident his right hand was now rather crippled, he believing that rheumatism had developed. In the selling of mops, Mr. Hamilton said that he had been working on a commission basis for Roy Badgley of Converse, Indiana, and that while working for Badgley he had used the latter's Chevrolet car, but that recently he had purchased his own 1931 Studebaker Sedan which he now uses in his travels while representing the Hoff-brau Brewing Company. Hamilton accompanied Agent to his hotel room for the purpose of being fingerprinted and it was immediately observed that there was no comparison between the fingerprint impressions of Harry Campbell as set out in the Identification Order, No. 1236, and those of James Ernest Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton then submitted a specimen of his handwriting which compared with the handwriting on the envelope obtained from Mrs. Smith at 212 West Superior Street in Fort Wayne.

The fingerprint impressions of James Ernest Hamilton were forwarded to the Bureau and since there appears to be no connection between Hamilton and the Subjects of this case, the envelope addressed by Hamilton for the use of Mrs. Smith and likewise the handwriting specimen furnished Agent are being retained in the Indianapolis Bureau file in this case along with the magazine picture of Harry Campbell which Mrs. Smith furnished to Agent.

PENDING

*[Handwritten signature]*

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_

Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

*[Handwritten signature]*

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NOVEMBER 1, 1935

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*Edwards & Bremer*

DE TROIT NOVEMBER 1,  
DIRECTOR  
SAC CHICAGO  
PHONE. BREKID. RE REMOVAL CASSIUS MCDONALD, ATTORNEY FOR MCDONALD  
ON OCTOBER 30 BEFORE U. S. COMMISSIONER DETROIT OFFERED REALTY FOR  
SURETY. SAME IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO USA ST. PAUL. PETITION FOR  
REMOVAL MCDONALD WILL BE PRESENTED U. S. DISTRICT COURT, DETROIT  
TOMORROW IF POSSIBLE OTHERWISE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1935. SAC ST.  
PAUL ADVISED BY TELEPHONE,  
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Mr. Farnsworth

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
NOV 4 1954 A.M.  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FBI - NEW YORK  
FBI - NEW YORK

Post Office Box 1274  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
October 21, 1935

PH: 16  
7-56

George Hill,  
Post Office Inspector,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I. O. #1218; HARRY CAMPBELL,  
with aliases, I. O. #1236,  
ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim, Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

South Main St.,  
North Main St.,  
East Oklahoma St., Tulsa, Okla.  
Miss Mary Ann Smith,  
240 South Main St., Tulsa, Okla.

It is not considered necessary to have  
surveillance of this mail made by the Post Office  
at Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the addresses listed, except 240 South Main St.,  
are familiar with the importance of this case  
as I understand Agent Paul Hansen of this office has discussed it  
with you and Mr. [redacted], upon numerous occasions. I feel that  
the surveillance of this mail should be continued by the  
Post Office at Tulsa.

Assuring you of my deep appreciation for your  
cooperation in this matter, I remain

Very truly yours,

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7-576-7888
DWIGHT BRANTLEY, Special Agent in Charge, INVESTIGATION
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
OCTOBER 30, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box #812,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Please refer to Bureau letter to you dated October 21, 1935,  
relative to the disposition of the property of Volney Davis,  
presently in the possession of the Chicago Office.

Your attention is directed to the last paragraph of page 6  
of the report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom dated at Kansas  
City, Missouri, August 9, 1935, in this case. You will note  
therein that two copies of his sworn statement were obtained  
from Volney Davis at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth,  
Kansas, wherein he indicated that he desired this property to  
be turned over to his mother, Mrs. Rodney E. Davis, Box #2,  
Neosho, Missouri. The executed carbon copy of this sworn  
statement by Davis is being transmitted herewith to you; the  
original executed copy of the statement is being retained in  
the files of this Office. The Bureau, the St. Paul and the  
Cincinnati Offices are being furnished with a typewritten copy  
of this affidavit.

You are advised that Volney Davis is no longer incarcerated at  
the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, he having been  
transferred to the U. S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island.

It is requested that the Bureau instructions relative to the  
disposition of this property be complied with, and that the  
property be forwarded to this Office in order that the same  
may be turned over to Volney Davis' mother, Mrs. Rodney E. Davis.

RECORDED & INDEXED  
Very truly yours,

HCS/sw  
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Enc.  
cc-Bureau. Enc.

W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  
NOV 5 1935

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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STATE OF KANSAS. }  
LEAVENWORTH COUNTY) ss.

I, Volney E. Davis wish to make the following disposition of all property of any kind and nature as described below. I am making this disposition to Special Agents, A. E. Farland and A. S. Reeder, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, and desiring them to turn said property over to my Mother, Mrs. Rodney E. Davis, whose address is Box 2, Neosho, Missouri.

I am making this disposition of my own volition after being asked what my personal desires were in disposing of property now in their hands, and under custody of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

The following is a list of property I wish them to turn over to my Mother.

Cash in the amount of -----\$1,113.40  
1. Shaffer Pencil.  
1. Shaffer Fountain Pen.  
2. Bill Folds.  
2. Combs.  
3. Pairs of Shoe Laces.  
4. 1 Pocket Knife.

In verification of this order I hereby set my hand and seal, this 15th. Day of July, A. D. 1935.

Volney E. Davis.

Subscribed to and sworn to before me by the said Volney E. Davis, I personally knowing him to be the party who has placed his signature on this instrument, the day and year last above written.

E. H. Bokholdt  
Notary Public in and for Leavenworth  
County, Kansas.

(SEAL)

7-576-7889

Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida.  
November 1, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 818  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING, etc.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith additional mail tracings  
received at this office today as a result of the  
mail examination conducted at Jacksonville, Florida. The tracings are as fol-

Letter addressed to Mrs. Ruth Petts, 143 West  
St., Sarasota, Florida, return address: 1145  
Avery, East Chicago, Ind. Postmarked East Chicago, Ind., Oct.  
1935.

Letter addressed to Mrs. Ruth Petts, 143 West  
Street, Sarasota, Florida, return address: 1145  
Chicago, Illinois, Apr. 1. Postmarked Chicago, Ill., Oct. 29,  
1935.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures.

R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

DE-INDEXED Co; Bureau  
DATE: 12/13/55 St. Paul  
12 Cincinnati.

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